

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Cadres Revolt

BEHIND the verbiage of the resolution adopted by the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party which, among other things, demands the purging of "dangerously arrogant Party leaders" and the expulsion of cadres who are "wilfully sabotaging party unity," can be discerned the fear, if not the realization, that all is not going well with the much-lauded "reform" programmes which the Peking regime has already imposed, or is attempting to impose, on the Chinese peasants. The latest aim is to persuade the peasants to make sacrifices to the industrial cities—a task which even the leaders of the Party, let alone the indoctrinated cadres, find extremely difficult. The plan is to multiply both the mutual aid and the producer co-operatives, but because of the peasants' traditional sense of independence, it is only painfully evolving from a blueprint into actuality. The line taken has been to try and impress on the people the necessity of strengthening the alliance between the workers and peasants so that the people's State power and its industrial concomitant can be fully maintained. What the Party leaders appear to have overlooked was the possibility of even their own peasant cadres baulking at a proposal which amounted to "blood, sweat, toil and tears" by the agrarian population without compensation. Peking—further complicated its own problem by earlier trying to induce the peasants to believe that their worst enemies were the merchants who always manipulated agricultural prices to suit their purpose and at the expense of the land workers. The peasant was invited to contrast the vice of selling his products to the unscrupulous merchant with the virtue of selling—to the State. For reasons not difficult to understand, the peasants refused to respond enthusiastically to this blandishment, and the next official move was the cautious inauguration of the producer co-operatives. It is the latest phase in the Communist Party's struggle for control and supremacy over the peasantry, but the party line is not so easily applied in the rural areas, and what the Central Committee calls "sabotage" is in reality revolt against its unpopular impositions.

BIG THREE STATEMENT ON POLICY OF DEFENCE

Chesney Suicide Girl Friend Released By The Police

Cologne, Feb. 19. Police here tonight released Sonia Winickes, 32-year-old German girl friend of John Ronald Chesney after holding her for almost 24 hours for questioning about Chesney's suicide four days ago. Chesney shot himself in a secluded wood outside Cologne. Scotland Yard had wanted to question him about the murder last week of his wife, Isabel, and her mother in an Ealing old people's home in London. Sonia Winickes returned to her father's home at Dueren, in the Rhineland, a police spokesman said. She was questioned by two Scotland Yard men, Detective Superintendent Wilfred Daws and Detective Sergeant F. Chubb, and two senior German police officials. She was detained at Dueren police station last night and driven to Cologne. A few days after the Ealing murder, Sonia Winickes was seen in Dueren and other Rhineland towns with Chesney, with whom she had been friendly since 1951. They met in a Cologne nightclub where she was working as a barmaid. British detectives were questioning her in an attempt to find out Chesney's exact movements at the time of the murder. A family friend said the tall, blue-eyed girl, whose father owned a small food shop in Dueren, frequently made trips in Germany and abroad with Chesney. Twice she went to England, where they wanted to marry and settle down after Chesney's divorce became final, the friend said. Sonia Winickes was alone all this morning with Detective Superintendent Daws and Detective Sergeant Chubb and two senior German police officials. This afternoon, Mr Daws appeared at the door of the interrogation room and asked reporters waiting in the corridor to leave the building. They were quickly ushered out. —Reuter.

Her 23rd Child

Tiverton, Rhode Island, Feb. 19. Mrs. Rene Demello, 40-year-old wife of an unemployed farmer, became a mother for the 23rd time in 25 years of marriage with the birth yesterday of her eighth successive daughter. —China Mail Special.

350 Miners Sacked

Shotts, Nankarkshire, Feb. 19. All 350 miners of the Northfield Colliery here were sacked today by the Scottish Division of the National Coal Board for using "go slow" action. Notices of dismissal were put in the men's pay packets and the colliery manager posted a placard at the pithead which read: "The National Coal Board regret that due to restriction of effort by the majority of the piece-workers at the colliery, they have been left with no alternative but to serve seven days' notice on all employees except certain maintenance workers." A go slow campaign has been in operation at the pit which lost £60,000 last year. —Reuter.

A Week Of Strikes Ends

Rome, Feb. 19. Italy's week of industrial and agricultural strikes, organised by the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour, ended today with a total of five killed and scores of people injured. In Sicily, a 24-hour strike, ordered for today, in protest against the deaths of four of the victims, who died in clashes with the police on Wednesday, completely failed with only an estimated four per cent of workers staying away from their jobs. Meanwhile, the debate of the new Italian Government's programme, which Prime Minister Mario Scelba presented to Parliament yesterday, began today in the Senate. It is expected that the Senate debate will last for about a week and will end with Signor Scelba's first vote of confidence—which he is expected to gain by a small majority. If the Senators give their approval, the debate then goes before the Chamber of Deputies, where Signor Scelba was shouted down by left-wing members when he presented his programme yesterday. A group of 40 Communist peasants near Vitorbo today sent their Party membership cards to the Secretary of the local Christian Democrat Party branch asking him to be admitted to the Party in gratitude for the new agrarian reforms. —Reuter.

Calcutta Arrests

Calcutta, Feb. 19. The police made several arrests in North Calcutta today after home-made bombs had been thrown from roof tops. No one was hurt. A military patrol joined the police in helping to disperse Left Wing demonstrators who tried to stage a meeting in sympathy with striking school teachers. —France-Press.

Will Develop System On Which Survival Depends

London, Feb. 20. Britain, France and the United States today told the world that they intend to develop "the system of defence on which their survival depends" following the failure of the Berlin conference to solve the German and Austrian question. In a statement agreed by the three Western Foreign Ministers before they left Berlin and released simultaneously in their own capitals today, the three Ministers defended the Western security system and claimed that Soviet security proposals would have involved its dissolution. The statement said that the Soviet plan for European security "would have involved the dissolution of the Western security system, while the military power of the Soviet bloc in Europe remained intact." The three Western powers reaffirmed their interest in the security of Berlin. They said "as regards Berlin, the three Governments reaffirm their abiding interest in the security of the city as expressed in the tripartite declaration of May 27, 1952. They will do all in their power to improve the conditions in Berlin and to promote the economic welfare of the city."

The Western statement said that the three Governments would continue to strive for German reunification and the conclusion of an Austrian state treaty and would, in the meantime, seek means of easing the burden of the present deadlock on the two countries concerned. In each case, the Western statement lays the blame for this deadlock on Soviet policy at the Berlin conference. The full text of the three-power statement said: "The major problem facing the Berlin conference was that of Germany. The three Western delegations urged that the reunification of Germany should be achieved through free elections leading to the creation of an all-German Government, with which a peace treaty could be concluded. They put forward a practical plan to this effect. Their proposals were not accepted by the Soviet delegation even as a basis for discussion, and they were forced to the conclusion that the Soviet Government is not now ready to permit free all-German elections or to abandon its control over Eastern Germany. "The three Western Governments will continue their efforts to achieve German reunification in freedom and by peaceful means. In the meantime, they have suggested certain measures which could reduce the effect of the present division of Germany and its consequences for Berlin. "They have proposed that the three High Commissioners should study these questions with the Soviet High Commissioner. "As regards Berlin, the three Governments reaffirm their abiding interest in the security of the city as expressed in the tripartite declaration of May 27, 1952. They will do all in their power to improve the conditions in Berlin and to promote the economic welfare of the city. "The three Western Ministers did the utmost to secure agreement upon the Austrian state treaty. They accepted the

STROMBOLI AGAIN IN ERUPTION



Preceded by violent earth tremors and a rain of ashes, lava began to pour out of the Stromboli volcano, Palermo, Italy recently. The inhabitants of the three small fishing villages in the area were greatly alarmed at the eruption, but fortunately the lava followed its normal course, down to the sea, and by-passing the villages. —London Express.

Kidnapped Boy Found Safe And Sound

Santiago, Cuba, Feb. 19. The police announced tonight that Facunio Bacardi, eight-year-old scion of the Bacardi rum family, who was kidnapped this morning, has been found safe and sound. The police said the boy was found in the suburb of Melgarejo. They did not give details of his recovery immediately. The authorities were holding the family chauffeur on suspicion of being implicated in the kidnapping of the boy in a \$50,000 ransom plot.

The family chauffeur, Evaristo Rodriguez, had said earlier that one of three kidnappers leaped into the rear of the car in which the boy was being driven to school, when it slowed for a busy intersection. The man held a knife at the boy's throat, and ordered the chauffeur to drive to a reservoir in the suburbs. Rodriguez said the other two kidnappers met the car, at the isolated reservoir near Charco Dam, ordered the boy and driver out of the car and handed the driver a written ransom demand. The abductors then ordered the chauffeur to walk to a nearby highway and take a bus into town, Rodriguez said. Police officials kept the kidnapping secret from 8 a.m., until after 1 p.m., while attempts were made to pick up the kidnappers' trail or make contact with them. The chauffeur said he stood at the bus stop and watched the kidnappers shove the boy into another car and speed away. He then returned to the spot, recovered the family car and raced into the city to report the incident. The authorities then questioned the chauffeur for hours. They said he had a grudge against a small-time marijuana pedlar. The boy's father, however, insisted the chauffeur be released so he could deliver the ransom and the police let him go. The boy is the son of Daniel Bacardi, vice-president of the distilling firm and President of the Santiago Chamber of Commerce. Bacardi had told the United Press by telephone earlier: "The money, in whatever amount, does not matter to me. The only thing that matters to me is my son's life." —United Press.

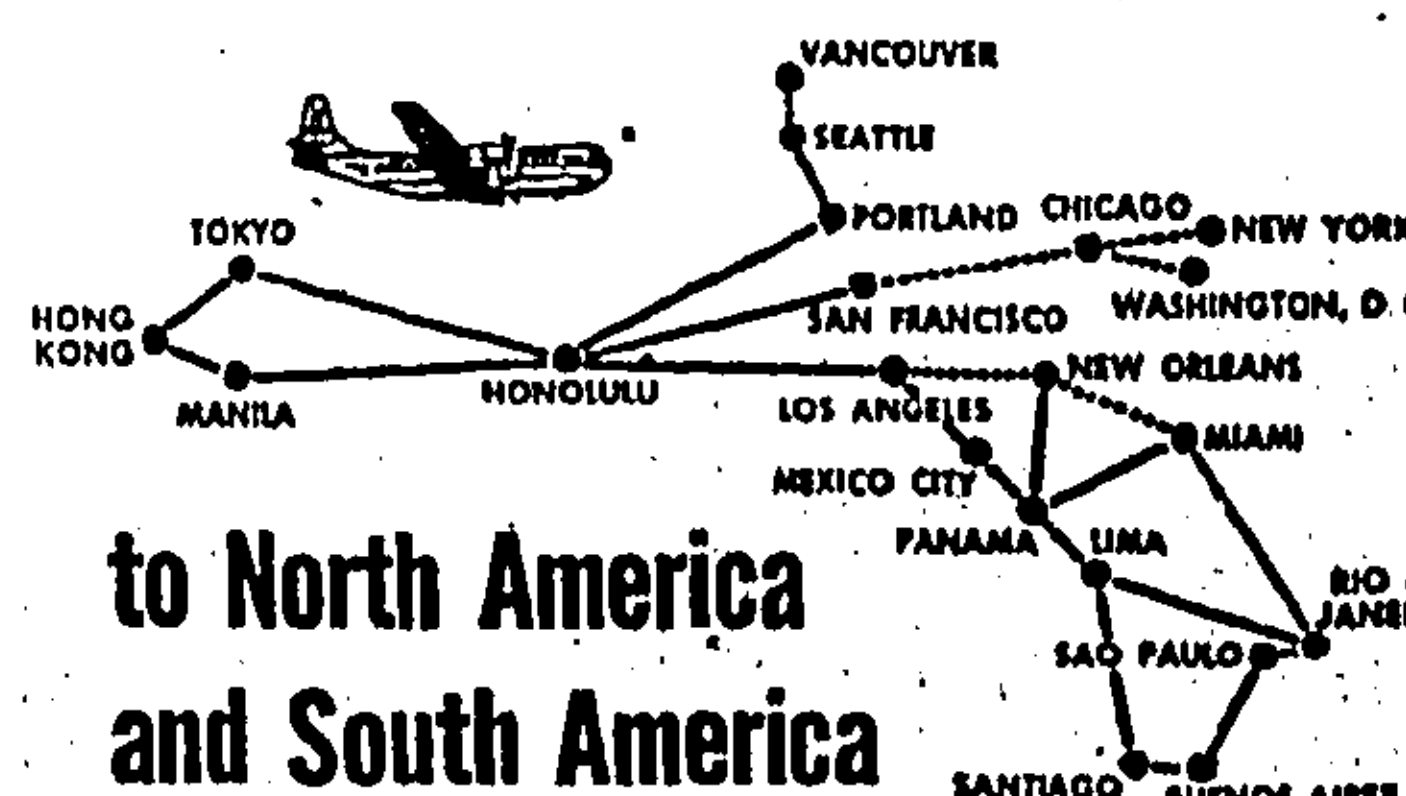
Sights Comet Wreckage

Aboard the Sea Salvor, Feb. 19. A diver in an observation turret at 70 fathoms today obtained the first direct sighting of the wreckage of the British Comet jetliner which crashed in the sea off Elba last month with a loss of 35 lives. He counted seven ribs along the piece. Mr Galpin was brought to the surface after a heavy sinker had been dropped alongside the wreckage and a marconi periscope lens sent down. This television lens is designed for close inspection and has an all-round adjustable view. —Reuter.

Next Move Up To Ho

Saloon, Feb. 19. The French Commissioner-General in Indo-China, M. Maurice Dejean, today stated that the next move was up to Ho Chi-minh, if the Vietnamese desired peace in Indo-China. M. Dejean said that if there were to be direct negotiations, it was up to the rebel leader to "formulate direct and official proposals, if he wants them to be considered." M. Dejean said he did not think it would be possible to conclude rapid negotiations with the Vietnamese either through direct dealings with Ho Chi-minh or international consultations because of the present equilibrium in Indo-China. The best way of working for peace would be to improve the French Union's military position in Indo-China and intensify efforts towards this end. "The harder we fight, the better our chances for eventual peace," he declared. —France-Press.

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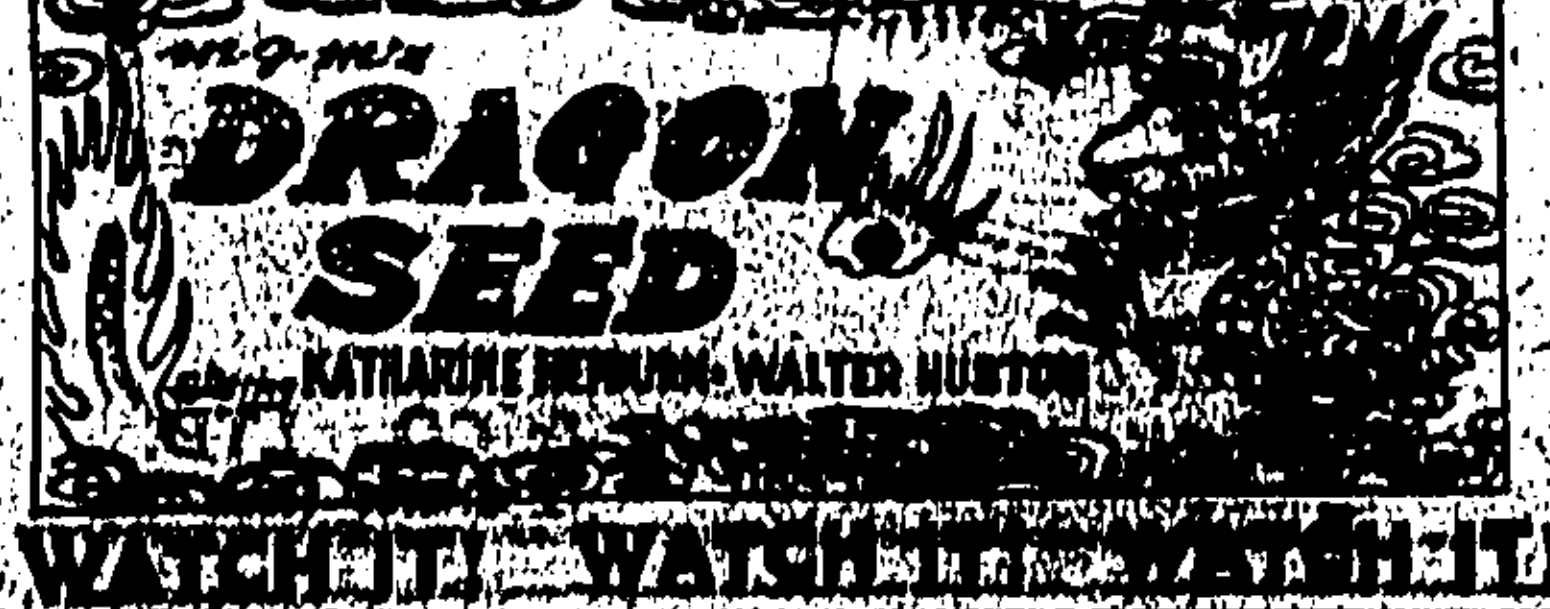
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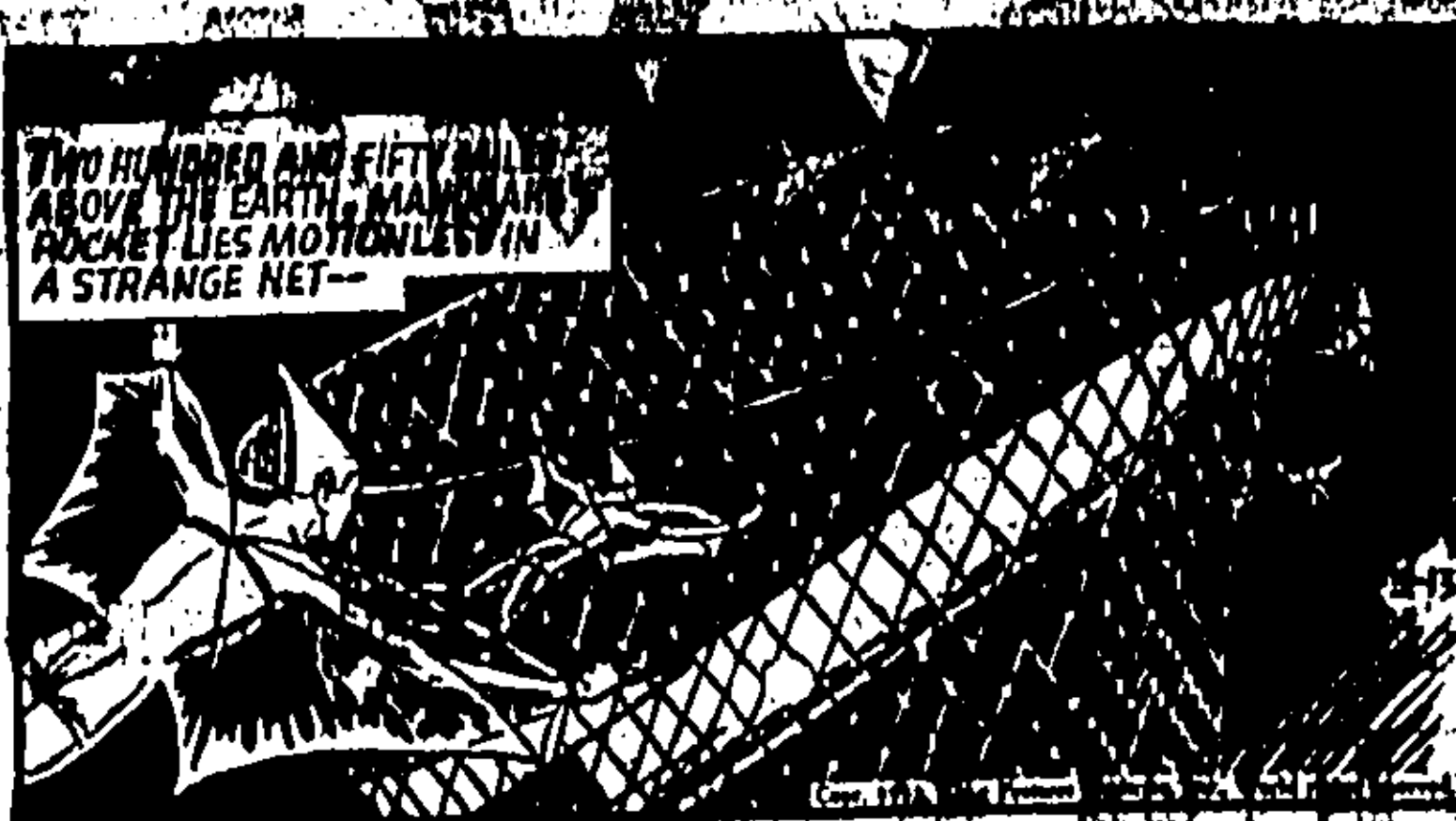
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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

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FILMS—CURRENT AND COMING

By MARGARET BRUCE

A cross-section view of the current presentations in the Colony is a faintly diaphanous panorama. "KING OF THE KHYBER RIFLES" is on, it is true, one of the big, showy films, but — now in its third week — it is scarcely new.

If you are considering a visit to the pictures and have not already seen "KING OF THE KHYBER RIFLES" it is probably your best bet. This Indian Western provides at least the value of Cinemascope and it is a magnificent spectacle with a sufficiently dramatic theme to make it exciting.

The love story isn't, but it does add laughs if not beauty. And even if the end is easily predictable the route taken to get there is sensational and Tyrone Power's performance is distinctive enough to maintain interest in this grim fable of the British Raj.

There is also the comedy, if somewhat stolid, Michael Rennie. This film is showing at the ROXY & BROADWAY.

If, as is threatened, it comes off within the next few days it will be replaced by a film of a gentle nature which I enjoyed very much but many do not agree with me, "RETURN TO PARADISE."

The other marathon runner, at the CAPITOL and LIBERTY, Esther Williams' "EASY TO LOVE," finished before I thought it would and has been replaced by "GIVE A GIRL A BREAK."

OUT OF FOCUS

This technicolor musical starts off with the advantage of having an original idea behind its plot. Unfortunately this becomes so befuddled in non-stop choreography that it rambles a bit out of focus.

The scheme of the thing is roughly the competition between three girls for the starring role in one of those elaborate Broadway productions only possible on the silver screen — and a wide one at that.

The unusual twist is that all three are equally attractive and talented in the eyes of the management, and nature has to intervene in a faintly impertinent manner before the — to my way of thinking — wrong dancer is allowed to assume the role.

Marge and Gower Champion and Debbie Reynolds have the principal parts and the third competitor is a recruit from Broadway called Helen Wood, a dancer of grace and personality, particularly in the ballet sequence.

TWO UNRELIEVED

I love dancing in films myself, but here it is rather too unrelieved. Everybody does it and I longed for a really good singer.

Mind you, they all put over songs but that, of course, is something else again. There is plenty of gaiety and, as we have come to expect from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, well-staged numbers, but no striking tunes. Nothing that could be considered in any way a hit song!

The standard of dancing is very high and this is particularly so in the case of the Champions.

Once more they prove themselves a captivating and sparkling team in the very best sense of the word, though I believe they themselves detect the expression, conjuring up as it does a vision of a stock gentleman whose cross-shoulder measurements coincide with his height and an over-accentuated waistline a little low down, every-thing in a spotlight as a South American rhythm with a highly painted and spangled girl in his arms.

From the Champions we have come to look for a certain dancing of an original and vital character. It is certainly evident here, though the music is not new, though the music is not new, though the music is not new.

Debbie Reynolds, the GI's dream girl, has a bouncy teenage charm with innocence looming in each macabre eye and lingering on painted lips.

WITH DIGNITY

There will follow MGM's first 3-Dimension Western, "ARENA." As such I imagine it will have a successful run in the Colony, although a percentage of the audience, whilst readily 'living' the romance (such pretty girls! You can practically put your arms around them!) may object to 'living' the thrills of bronco-busting, and remaining a sitting-target for the hurtling missiles — and there are many new ones — used to advantage.

The story here is slight. The hero is a rodeo-star whose wife tries to persuade him to give up his dangerous occupation while he is still on top, both of his career and his horse.

They become estranged and the cowboy turns to the super-ficial, if rather more obvious, charms of another girl, until one day he has to watch a former bronco-buster, reduced to working the arena as a clown, killed by a vicious Brahma Bull.

As it is a prospect that must have presented itself to him before, it has an astonishingly acute effect on our hero who retires as quickly as he can with dignity back to the protection of the woman whom he can rely upon to forbid any further Haka.

REMARKABLY TRUE

The KING'S and PRINCESS are showing Cecil B. DeMille's "CLEOPATRA" now that "THE RED BERET" has passed on its successful way.

Although it is only a small exaggeration to wonder whether this version of the ill-fated drama was actually filmed at the time of the Pharaohs, there is remarkable truth in the claim made by the advertisement "the Most Spectacular the World Has Ever Seen."

There is a magnificence that seems to be absent in more modern works. The screen teems with detail and bubbles over with intensity of feeling.

As in all old pictures it has moments of supreme absurdity and melodrama, particularly evident in the love scenes, and yet there is something in Claudette Colbert's performance that holds so much more subtle and strength than Vivien Leigh's porcelain figure, which we could refresh our memories with just a week or two ago.

I am aware that this is partly due to Shaw's drawing of the character, only the bud of this mature woman now gracing the screen.

I have also seen both Miss Leigh's Cleopatras on the London Stage and admit that, under Sir Laurence Olivier's direction, she has achieved a weight and an aura of 'femme fatale' in the heavier play; but there was never quite the mystique, the cunning and scheming, the allure and depth of Miss Colbert's portrayal.

And for sheer spectacle, the little show produced at the clap of a hand for Anthony's benefit holds some musicals look a little like Amateur Hour. It's a captivating caper and full of food for speculation as to the value of the third dimension.

IN A HIGH WIND

"WHERE IS ZAZA?" is one of the musicals that is likely to pale by comparison with mere "knock-out" musicals. But it is dim before being compared with anything, and after a steady diet, especially of Hollywood love-lies, the body and soul underneath churning makes unattractive viewing. It's a little like Amateur Hour. It's a captivating caper and full of food for speculation as to the value of the third dimension.

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And this is a remarkable one of its kind. In essence it has Hollywood's oldest plot, in which a solitary and rather junior "cop" stands up to the villainess of the gang that runs the city, and single-handedly exposes the evil and destroys the root.

But the embroidery on this basic theme is full of unusual twists, and the finished product is powerful and of a morbid attraction.

Glenn Ford turns in an almost perfect performance as Sergeant Banion, whose wife is killed by the gang in an attempt upon his life when his enquiries into their activities become dangerous.

Blinded by misery and fury he takes his magnificent stand, in which he is helped by a maimed "moll", a part played with, considering her earlier attainment, surprisingly little polish, except in the lighter moments, by pretty Gloria Grahame.

This is a very shocking film. It is impressive to an appalling degree — it is produced to horrify and succeed, mainly because it is so well and convincingly done.

It exposes in gruesome detail the mode of life of a sub-human being, not usually more than hinted at in the cinema. Let me hint you not to take your children.

No child is too young to escape the impact of horror here nothing is spared. Boiling coffee is flung in a girl's face and she is led screaming away to a doctor — days later she tears away the bandage and shows the full horror of his achievement to the human beast who did it.

This cannot be called entertainment but, whatever it is, it is most effective and affecting.

ROYAL TOUR FILM

The EMPIRE and MAJESTIC are now showing the Associated British-Pathe film of the Royal Tour, a technicolor commentary on the triumphal progress through the West Indies, Fiji, Tonga and New Zealand.

Very well presented, it is astonishingly topical, in fact almost too much so, as it can only be a story without an end, only so far. But it is a story we have all been waiting for and it has, as a film, been very cleverly put together.

John Wayne, as "HONDO," slides across the screens of the QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA at the moment and will continue his journey for some little while, it is certain. And a hot journey it is bound to be, located, as it is, in the Mexican Desert.

Sparkling Doris Day will visit these cinemas in "CALAMITY JANE" when "HONDO" is finished. She leads Howard Keel along with her as Wild Bill Hickok.

Doris is even more lovely than usual in this sketch of a sun-tanned tomboy whose feminine heart languishes for love of what turns out to be the wrong man.

I think that this is one of Doris' most amusing films to date, but it still has the heart-warming friendliness of all her movies.

It is mostly froth and bubble but, in the words of old jingles, two things stand like stone: Miss Day's gifted charm and her ability to deliver some not very meritorious songs with aplomb.

I can honestly recommend this entertainment, as just one of the many good things the WORLD are at the moment showing. "APPOINTMENT IN HONOLULU" starring Ann Sheridan and, once more, Glenn Ford.

They are more than okay kept by Zachary Scott and Ann Sheridan, who play a more serious and less romantic part than in "APPOINTMENT IN HONOLULU."

arms to a Central American patriot who has been ousted by a dictator.

Ann Sheridan and Zachary Scott are fellow passengers on Mr Ford's ship and are taken as hostages on his getaway and his thrust into Honduras.

Included in this oddly assorted picnic is a group of ruffians, political prisoners in search of a country where they are not "wanted" men.

It will come as no surprise to experienced moviegoers that every tree in the jungle conceals some fresh hazard or horror to compete with, but there are some very exciting scenes regardless. A good adventure tale.

A TRESPASS?

"ALL I DESIRE" will be the next change of the LEE and GREAT WORLD. The star here is Barbara Stanwyck in an unsympathetic but rewarding part that is almost a direct trespass on the Bette Davis preserves.

Miss Stanwyck is, of course, a very good actress and quite at ease in her part which is more than I was while watching it.

Not that it isn't well executed, and if I do not find Miss Stanwyck personable I must remember that most people do. No, it is the story I cannot sympathise with.

Could anything be more full of humbug? Insincerely it is splashed in great gouts of white-wash over the checkered career of this prodigal wife?

Surely, if it is to be presented at all, it should be an honest forgone and forget drama. But the insistence on proving this to be a "good" woman, who has ten years been skiddaddling with another man and as a second rate actress, having discarded her husband and family!

She returns at the secret invitation of her youngest daughter to watch a school play and deliberately charms them into accepting her once more as a wife and mother. All right, good luck to her.

But her former 'friend' (I nearly slipped into the pitfall of the word 'lover') returns and upsets the applecart.

A cynic might consider this a good thing for the family; but there's more to come. During a scuffle with our heroine he is shot, accidentally of course. He survives in order to tell everybody that she is "good" and the family settles down to live happily ever after, heaven help them. I am willing to accept all this as quite feasible, and object to nothing but the rosy hue that is superimposed on to this squalid tale.

However, if a nice melodrama is to your taste, here it is. Richard Carlson seemed a nice steady sort of chap, and Margaret O'Sullivan, convinced at least one member of her audience that, as the village schoolteacher, she would have made him the better mate.

TALKING MULE

The next change will see the talking mule and Donald O'Connor back together again in "FRANCIS COVERS THE BIG TOWN." I'll tell you more when I've seen it, not that it'll matter much because, like all slightly slapstick comedies, you can either take them or had better leave them.

It is interesting to see that "THE ROBE" is now being shown at the ORIENTAL, one of our smaller cinemas. It is also surprising, but very pleasing, that it is the best theatre back so far.

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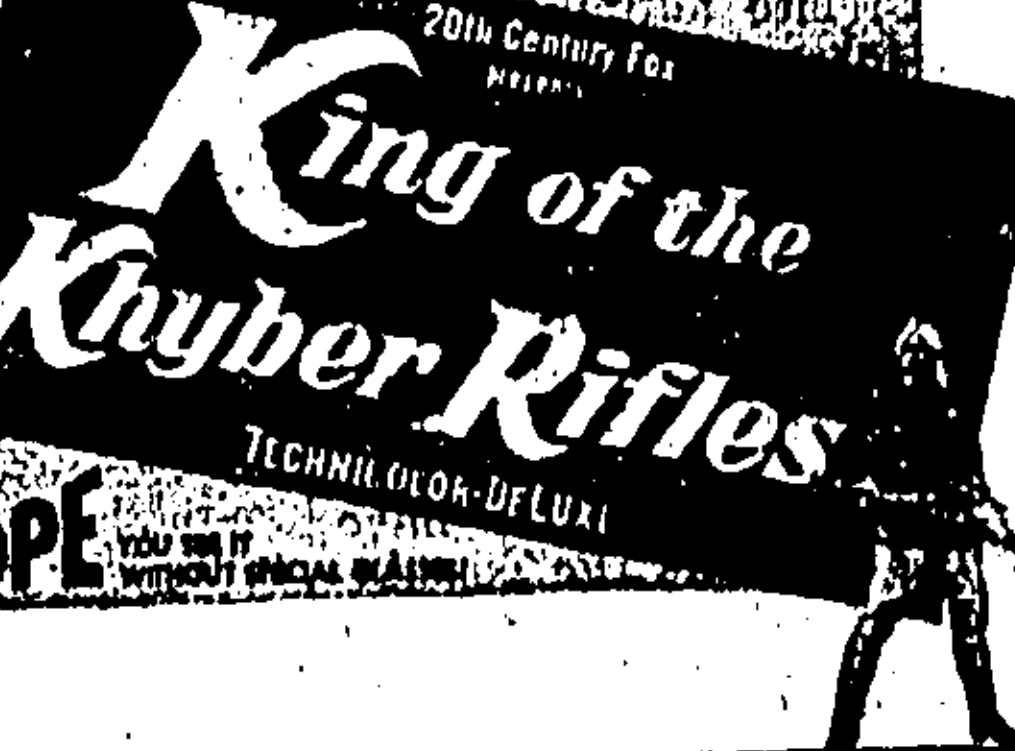
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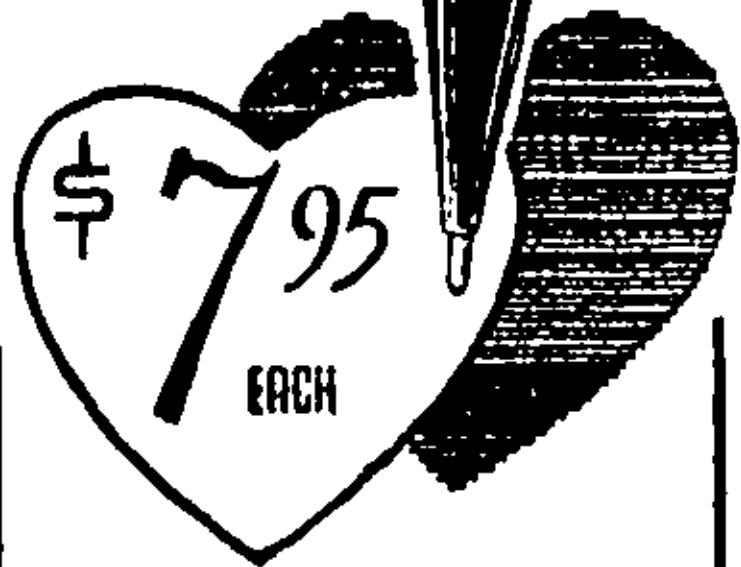
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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

CLASSIC EXAMPLE
OF RED TAPE

Ottawa.
You may think you've tangled with some red tape in your day but hark to the story of an Englishman who was brought to Canada in 1941 by the government itself and yet won't be allowed to take out Canadian citizenship until 1958.

Ronald Judge, personable younger naval architect, is the man. Back in 1936-37, in a shipyard in the North of England, he was one of a team which designed the 10,000-tonners known as Liberty ships.

In September, 1941, he came to Canada to help launch and oversee this country's first Liberty shipbuilding programme. Two years later he found himself busy on the construction of frigates. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy as a constructor lieutenant.

About a year after that, service medical officers discovered he had contracted tuberculosis. He was sent to the naval wing of the sanatorium at Ste. Agathe, Quebec, where he spent 18 months and then for another year 1 portered around Ste. Agathe on my own convalescing.

The treatment given him by the Navy and the Department of Veterans Affairs was "magnificent," Judge said. DVA certified his TB condition as "permanent" later and for six years now, he's been one of the experts who design RCN ships.

In June, 1947, he returned to Ottawa and got a job with the directorate of the naval construction as a "temporary" civil servant. The appointment was made "permanent" later and for six years now, he's been one of the experts who design RCN ships.

After going back to work in 1947, he approached the immigration department about becoming a citizen. They told him he couldn't apply for a passport because "I wasn't a landed immigrant" and I was prohibited from being classified as a landed immigrant because of the tuberculosis.

Then followed some five years in which X-rays taken by DVA were channelled to the immigration department. They would have to examine the plates on their own. Judge kept getting "deferments for a year" and notifications containing "Mr. Judge's status is under review" over the five-year stretch.

In August, 1954, he gained immigrant status. Ah, but then the health and welfare department appeared on the scene. He was told he must have more chest X-rays taken since he was a "newly-landed immigrant" who had been a TB victim.

Another five years must pass before he would be eligible to again seek citizenship.

His case, it was understood, was brought to the attention of Prime Minister St. Laurent in April, 1949, when the latter was external Affairs Minister. But rules were rules and red tapes being what it is, nothing could be done.

Judge had to make a trip to Europe in 1950 on navy business. He had so many troubles with immigration officers before that his RCN boss penned this declaration:

"The possibility that Mr. Judge's services might be lost to us because of his being refused re-entry... irrespective of whether he leaves (Canada) privately or officially... be contemplated."

"It is requested... that steps be taken to give Mr. Judge either temporary citizenship papers... or a well-recognized document authorizing his re-entry indefinitely."

Judge got the document. But last August the immigration department confounded the confusion. His British passport was stamped "Immigrant—landed in the Port of Ottawa, August 17, 1953."

He'd then been living here about 12 years, during which he'd won a wife and fathered a son.

All that's needed to wrestle a web of red tape, he said, "is an indomitable sense of humour."

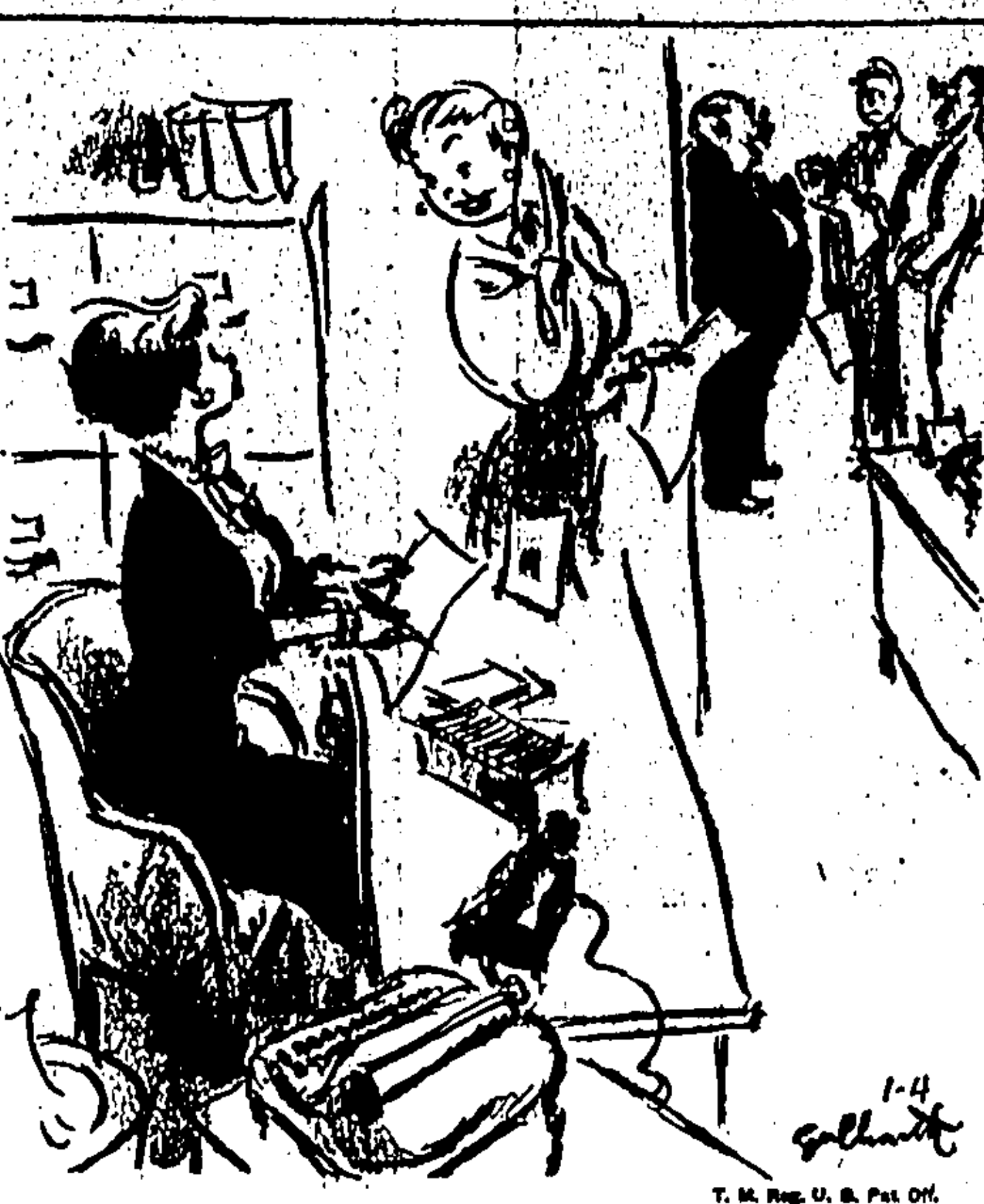
He wryly recalls the immigration official who once told him: "The worst that can happen to you is deportation."—United Press.

Trento, Italy.
One of Italy's great inmates didn't like the amnesty under which he was released.

Antonio Devigili, 45, one of an estimated 20,000 persons released under the Christmas amnesty, had to be pushed out of prison by a guard.

"I'm now," he pleaded, "keep me in at least until spring."—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



The office boy doesn't have to laugh at the boss' old jokes—he just passed his draft physical!

Secrets Of
2,500-Year-Old Tomb
On Display

Cairo.

Queen Takhouti died near Cairo some 2,500 years ago and the contents of her tomb have just been exhibited to the public at the Cairo Museum.

Well preserved, the exhibits are varied and numerous. The most valuable of them is a massive gold mask, which reveals that the Queen was a woman of unusual beauty. Remains of her burial garments show that they were studded with golden stars, rosettes and superbly executed lotus flowers. Most of the material has long since disintegrated but the pieces which survived are made of a close mesh of linen texture.

Delicately fashioned goldfinger and toe stiffs, a common feature in Royal burials of that period, were also found, and the collection also includes 35 golden vials dedicated to the God Bes, (the cat), 29 similar vials to the God Hathor (cow's head), and an unusually large heart scarab carrying an inscription urging that the lady's heart should not weigh too heavy in the scales of justice in the next world.

An Egyptian peasant, Abdel Aziz Rahman, discovered Queen Takhouti's tomb. He was quietly ploughing his tiny plot of land, some 20 miles from Cairo, one evening in 1931. It had been a hot day, he and his two bullocks were very tired, when suddenly the rough plough struck a very heavy obstacle. On examination it proved to be a tomb.

He quietly removed his beasts, called a family council, told them of his find, pledged them to secrecy, and planned to exploit the tomb for his own benefit.

However, news of the discovery soon reached the ears of the authorities, but it was not until after a pitched battle, and the calling in of troops, that the antiquities department was able to take charge of the tomb.

The buried queen was soon identified as the wife of King Psamtik, and the mother of King Apries, one of the kings of the 26th dynasty (550 B.C.). This King Apries is the Egyptian Pharaoh Nephthys of whom we read in the Book of the Kings. He was the successor of Pharaoh Necho, who defeated Josiah, King of Judah at the Battle of Megiddo. King Apries himself was subsequently defeated by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, and after dethronement was succeeded by an Egyptian General, Amasis.

Apart from their intrinsic value and their antiquity, these finds confirm once again the historic accuracy of the Bible, according to Zaki Saad, an eminent Egyptian archaeologist, and reveal the high standard of art at this period.

It remains to be recorded that the peasant who made the find, was rewarded with £500.—United Press.

Earthly Paradise To
Be Parcelled Up

Cairo.

Ex-King Farouk's earthly paradise — his famous Inshass estate, producing more fruit than any other area in Egypt and which can supply Cairo's fruit and vegetable requirements — will be distributed among graduates of agricultural colleges and landless peasants next November.

Inshass is situated on the left bank of Ismailia canal, 23 miles northeast of Cairo. It covers an area 4,440 acres. It includes 1,066 acres planted with citrus fruits and mango, 2,550 acres of farm land, producing sesame, peas, groundnuts, tomato and various other kinds of vegetables, and 824 acres of arable land and desert.

The Higher Committee of Agrarian Reform got hold of this area in two steps. The first after the promulgation of land reform law and the second after issuing the decree of confiscation.

This garden estate will be assigned to graduates of agricultural institutes and colleges, according to the land reform laws. The lot of every graduate shall not exceed 20 acres, i.e., that area will be allotted to about 50 agricultural graduates at least. Statistics prove that each acre of these gardens yields a handsome profit. The majority of this area depends on irrigation by pumping.

At present the higher committee is considering the assignment of these gardens from an agronomical point of view. It is laying the foundations of a co-operative system to secure the best possible yield, in assigning to each beneficiary according to his qualifications a piece of land to secure him a sufficient income for a decent life.

REST TO PEASANTS

The rest of the area which is about 3,000 acres will be assigned to landless peasants. The plot allotted to each will be from two to five acres.

Inshass is a masterpiece of agricultural engineering—produces more fruit than any other area in Egypt. Here we see orchard after orchard, with oranges, lemons, pineapples, mangoes, tangerines and other fruits growing amongst the irrigated fields.

But there is much more to be seen than orchards. Palm and

'Love Affairs'
Mean More
Murders

Bombay.

The number of murders arising from "love affairs" more than doubled in two districts of Bombay State during 1953.

In 1952, there were only 15 murders arising from this cause in Sholapur District; while in only 11 months of 1953, there were 30 murders committed. In Nasik District, the corresponding figures were seven and 20.

Giving these figures in the Bombay Legislature, Chief Minister Morarji Desai said that the Government "cannot interfere with the love affairs of the people. The government has no control over love."—United Press.

breeding, a cactus garden, a poultry farm, a horticultural garden for scientific development of plant species, power plants and workshops for local repairs, houses for resident employees, a Mosque and an agricultural museum. Opposite the Mansion, in the Ismailia canal is a luxuriously furnished houseboat called "Inshass" adding to the fascinating beauty of this earthly paradise.

OBTAINED BY FORCE
"Long Live Freedom; Long Live the Revolution Men," shouted the fellows (peasants) surrounding Inshass, the world paradise that belonged to King Farouk.

Telling how the Mohamed Ali Dynasty had grabbed their lands by force, many small farmers at Inshass testified that they were goaded, blackmailed or nearly beaten to death to sell their land at nominal prices to the King. They said that Farouk continuously extended purchasing operations, using all means of pressure over previous owners, in order to make the Inshass farm one whole unit.

One official spokesman said "Inshass has grown out of the blood and sweat of the people and is now going back to the people."—United Press.

Women Are
Wiser

Halifax.

When it comes to knowledge of politics, one cabinet minister believed women have it all over men.

Public Works Minister Robert H. Winters told the Women's Liberal Association of Nova Scotia that his party was more likely to listen to women than men in drafting its programme of social legislation.

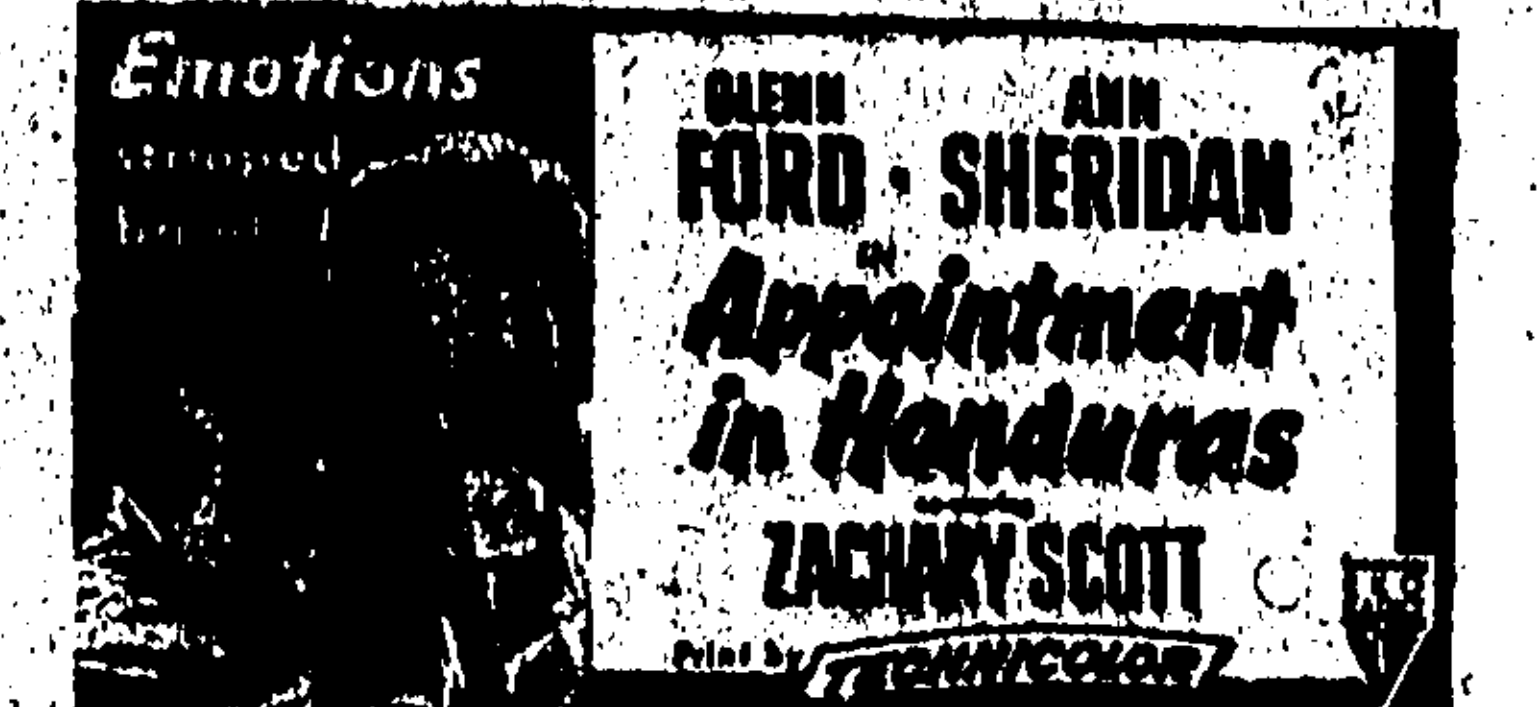
"The women are closer to the humanitarian side of life," he explained.

In fact, Winters thought the record of re-election of Liberal governments could be credited to this responsiveness to suggestions by women.

"A well-rounded social security programme has kept the Liberal Party from becoming a static government," he said.

Winters also found during the summer campaign that women were better informed—at least politically—than men.

"Housewives in particular," he said, "probably because they have more time to listen to radios."—United Press.

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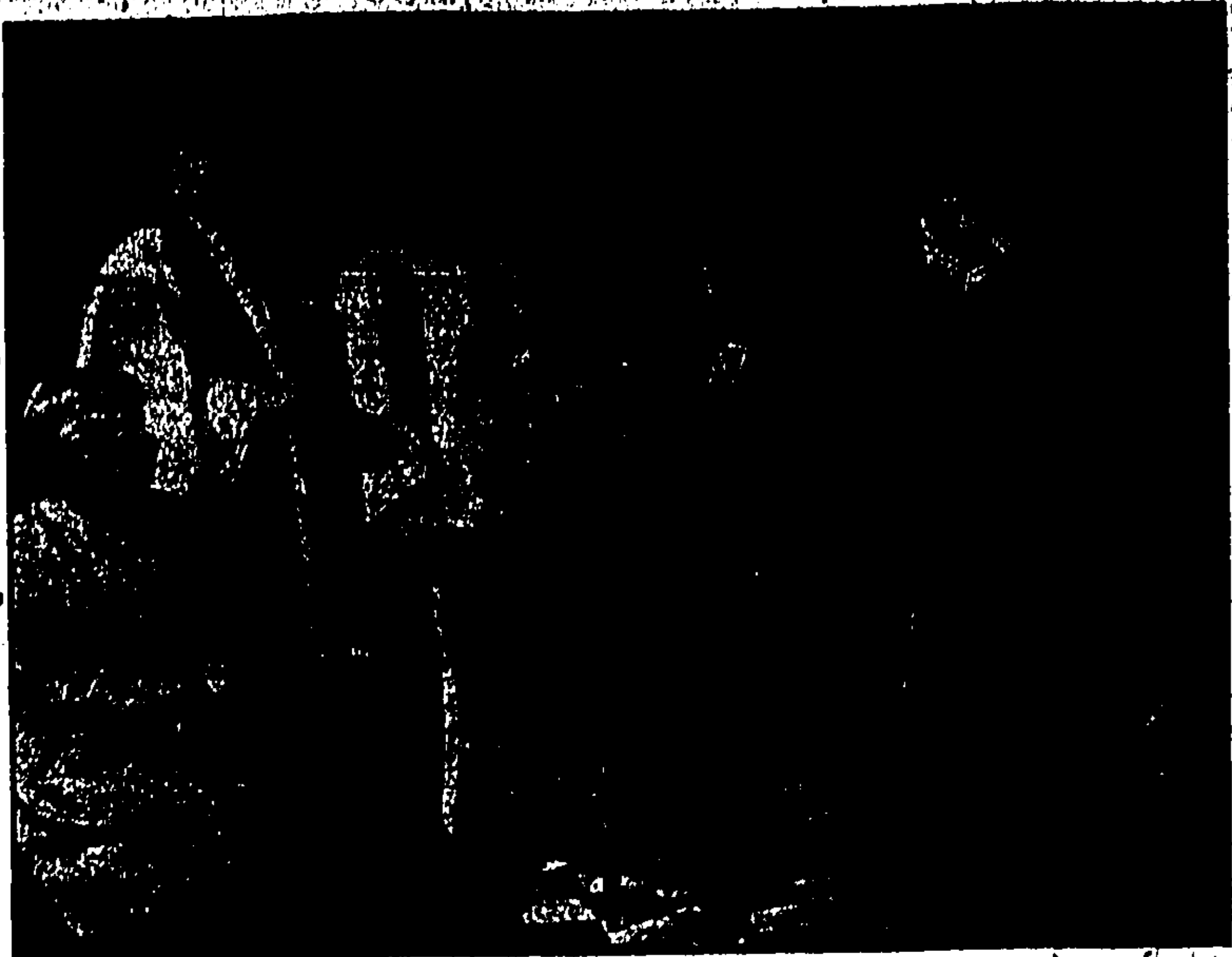
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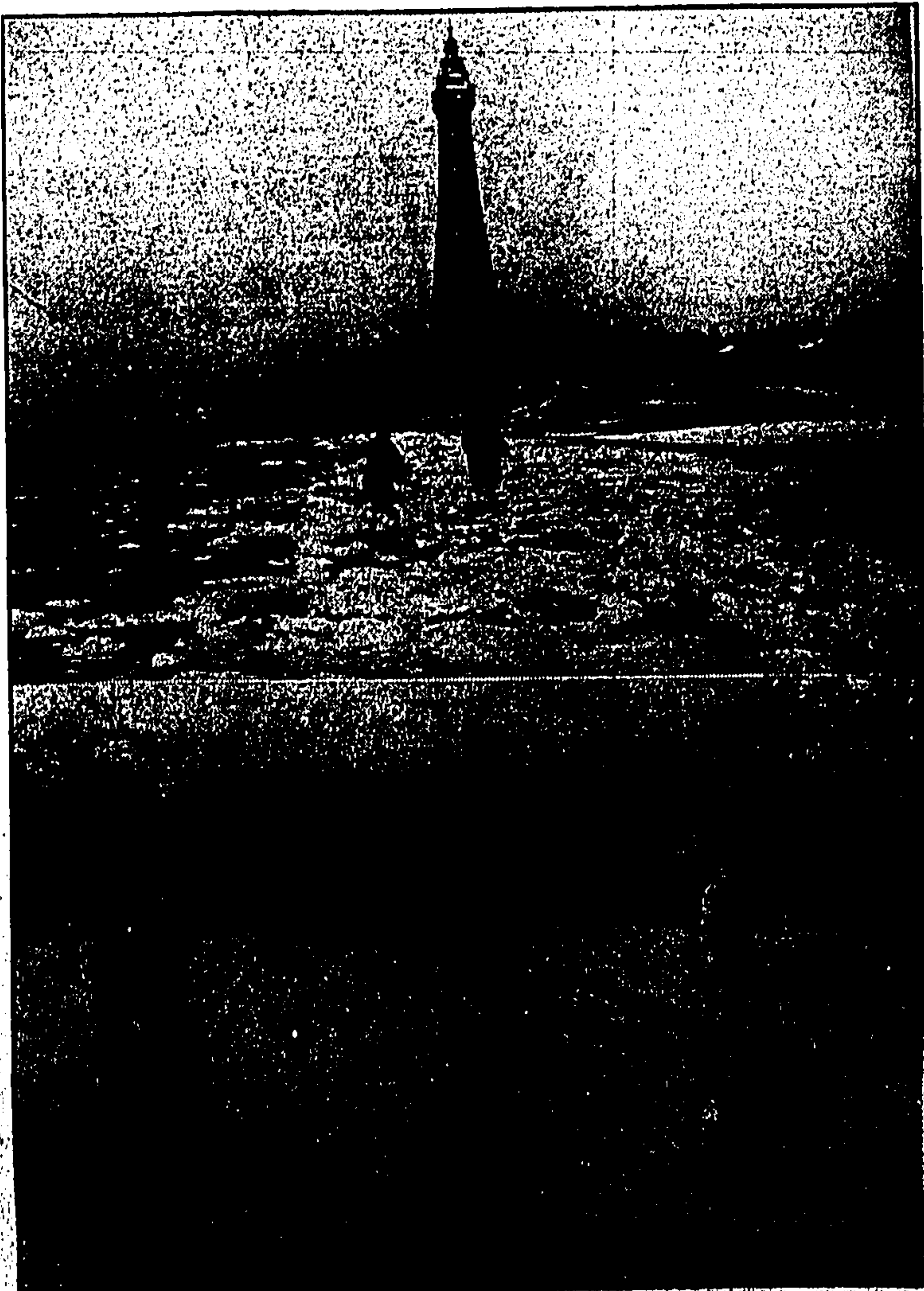
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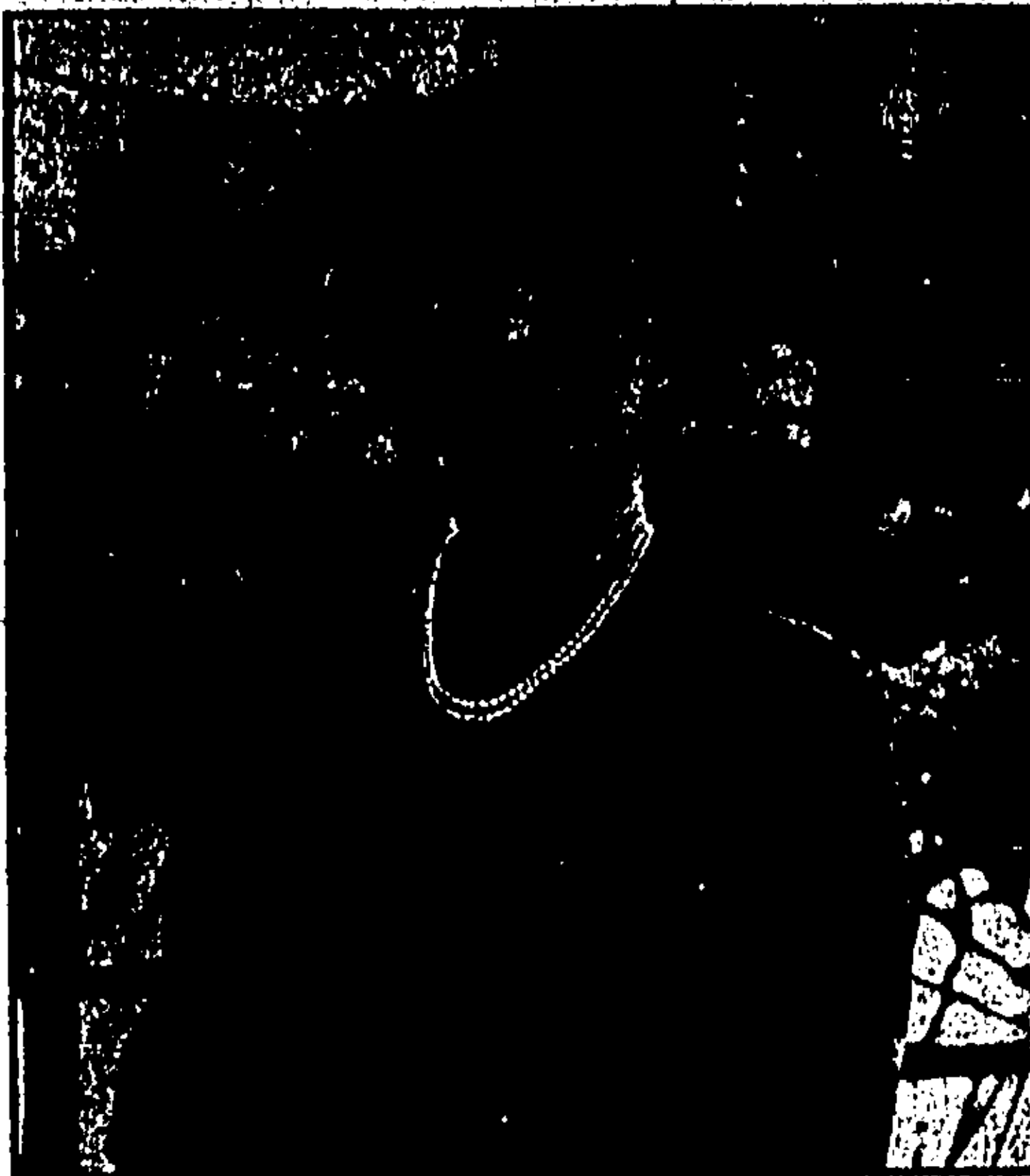
TEXAN Redd Harper, 38, dressed in a pale blue suit with red piping, pale blue shirt and high-heeled cowboy boots, has been singing religious songs in a London church, accompanying himself on the guitar. He describes himself as the advance crusader for the "Billy Graham Greater-London Evangelistic Campaign" due to begin on March 1. (Express)



JACK SANDS, dressed as a Cave Man, shows his club to television star Helene Cordet at the Vic-Wells Costume Ball, held at the Lyceum, London. Helene Cordet and film star Leo Genn presented the prizes. (Express)



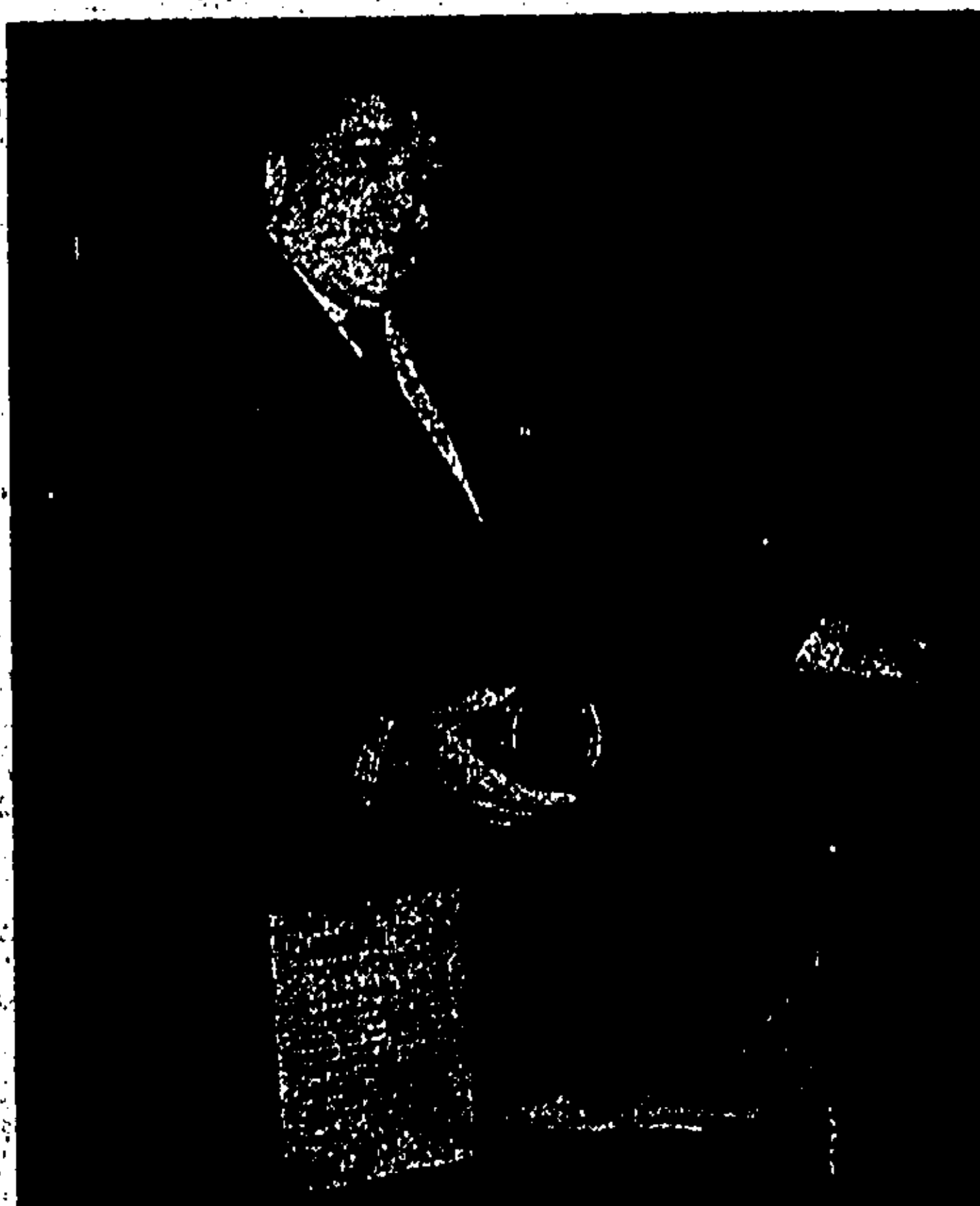
TWO scenes during the recent trip to Paris. Top: A view of the front and beach at the Hotel de Ville. Bottom: The scene in St. James's Park, London, during the recent trip. (Express)



MISS Jean Beckett, who is to marry Lawrence Stephen Holt, son of shipowner Lawrence Durning Holt. Jean became engaged two years ago when her fiancé left England for the Far East to learn the family's business. Since then she has tapped away at her typewriter in the Holt shipping offices in Liverpool. (Express)



THE Duchess of Argyll, robbed the night before her departure for America of jewellery valued between £6,000 and £8,000 at her Mayfair home, is seen here with the Duke as they join the Queen Mary boat train at Waterloo Station. (Express)



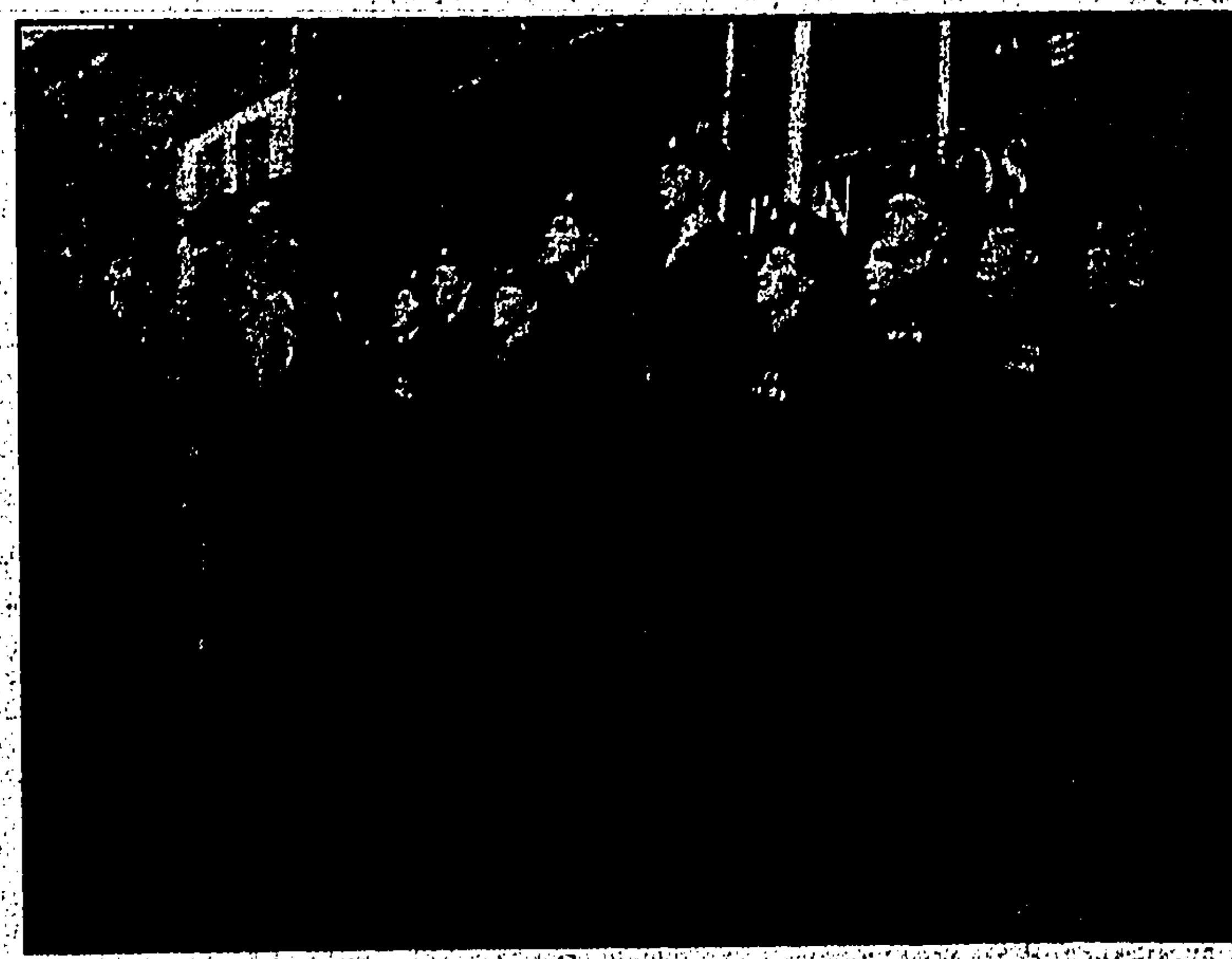
HERE is George Dawson, the one-time scrap iron salesman from Bermondsey, London, who made millions out of surplus war equipment deals and who recently tempted the British housewife with cheap fish—and lost £100,000 doing so. He has got into the news again by wanting to buy the Food Ministry lock, stock and barrel. (Express)



MAXINE SULLIVAN, the coloured singer (centre), receives congratulations from Vivian Blaine (left), star of "Guys And Dolls," and Adelaide Hall, appearing in "Love And Judy." Miss Sullivan is currently appearing in cabaret at the Copacabana, London. (Express)



THE Turkish Military Attache in London, Lt-Col Selahattin Tanc, entertained fellow diplomats and army men to cocktails at Claridges Hotel the other day. Picture shows: Air Vice-Marshal A. S. Lee of the RAF and his wife chatting with the Turkish Ambassador, in the centre. (Express)



SOME 20,000 people thronged the sunlit streets of Belfast to watch the officers and men of the Royal Ulster Rifles, many of them veterans of the Korean campaign, march proudly to the City Hall to receive the Freedom of the City. Sir Percival Brown, Lord Mayor of Belfast, is seen inspecting the parade. (Army News)

NANCY

Wants A Fair Count.

By Ernie Bushmiller

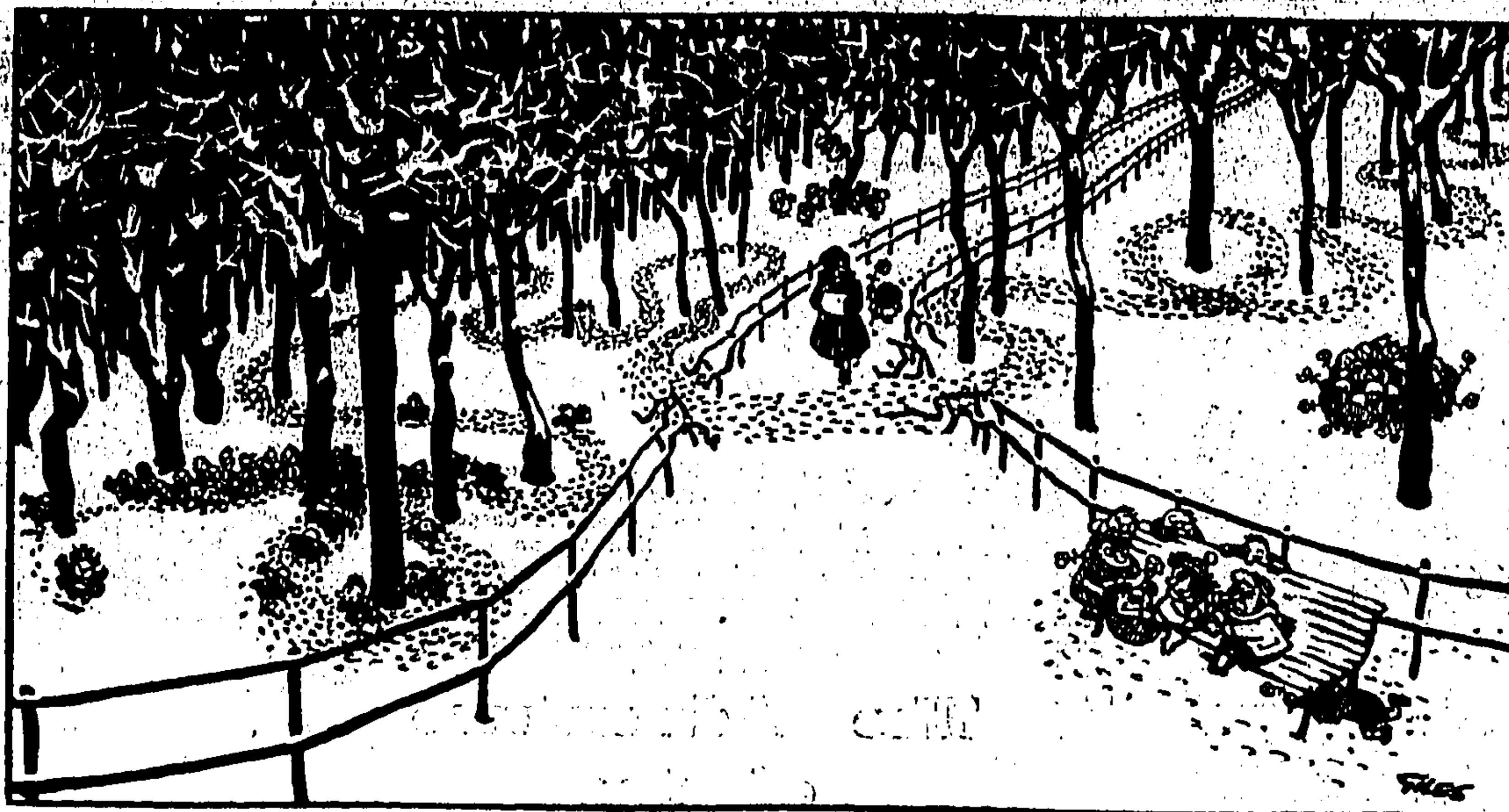


By Les Armour

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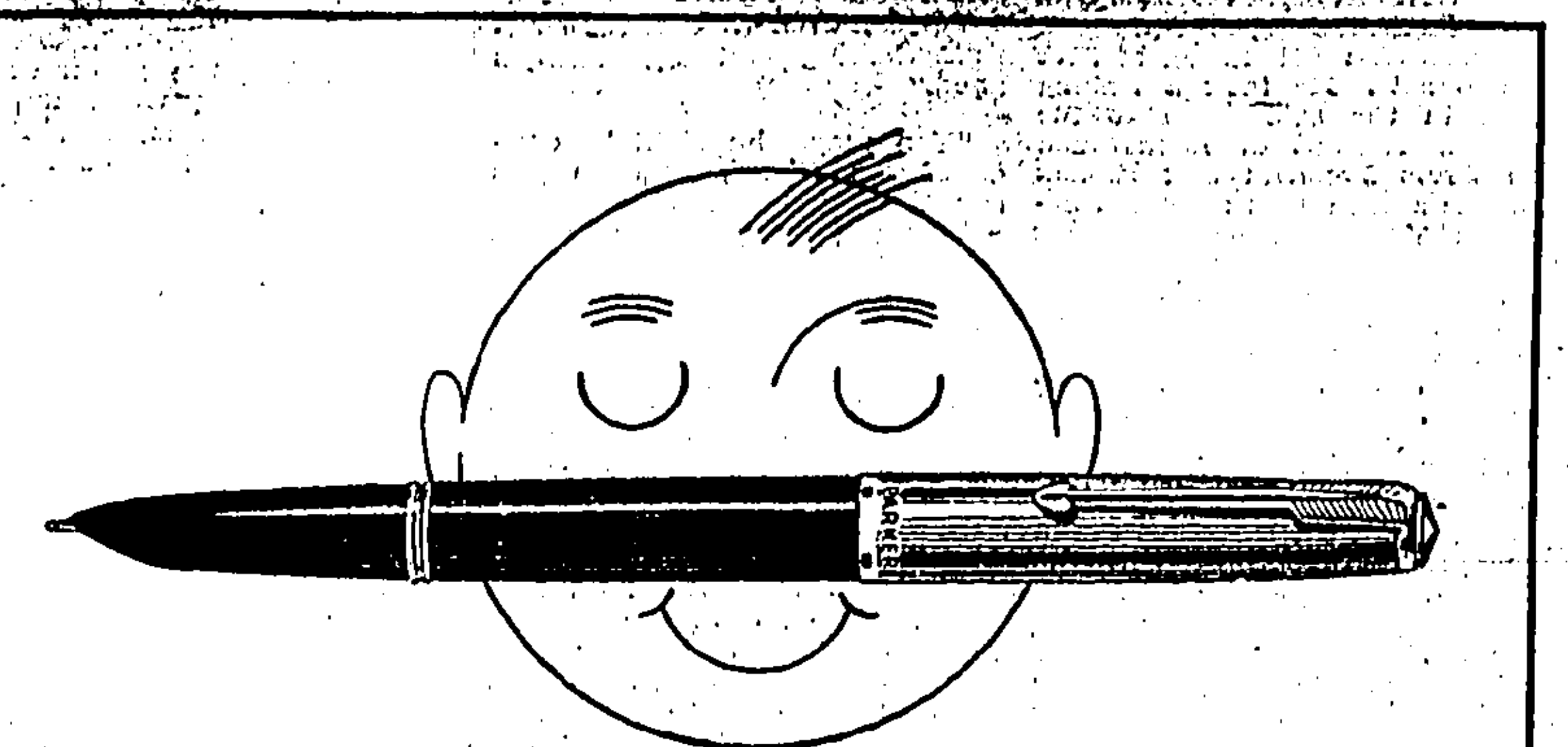
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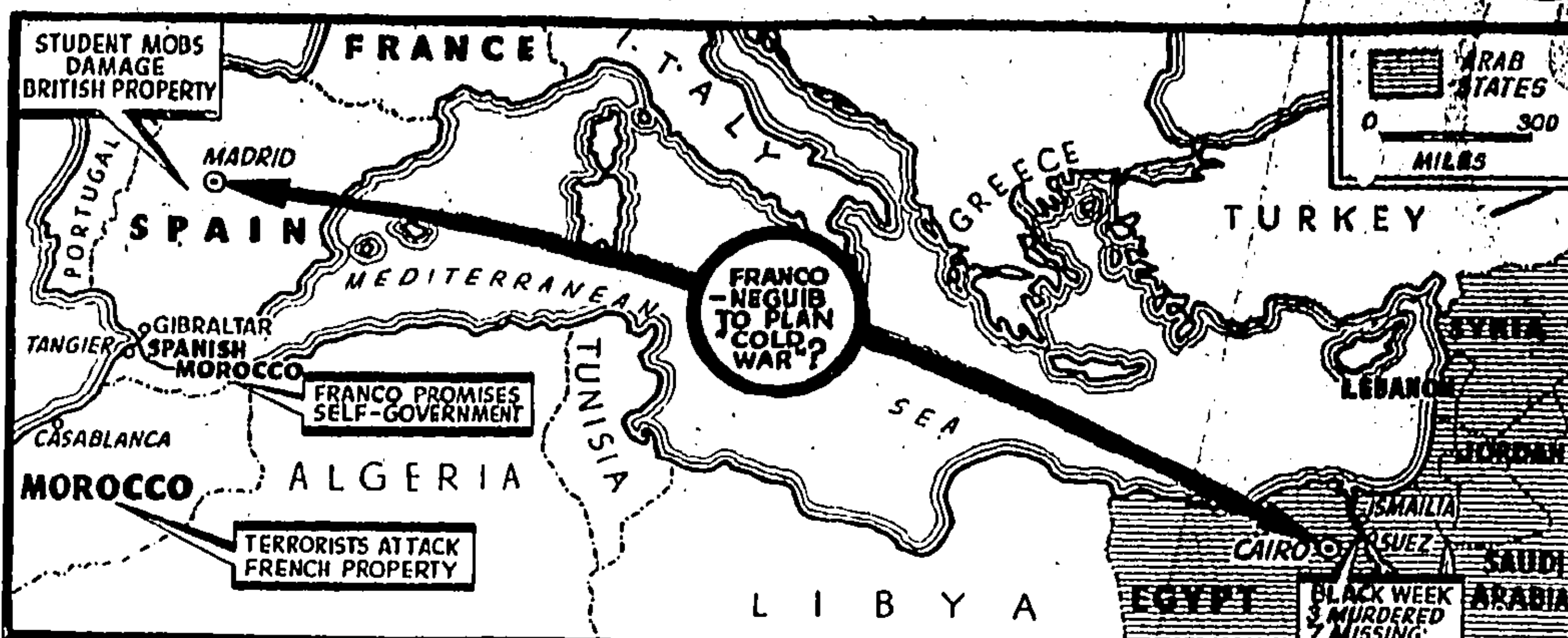
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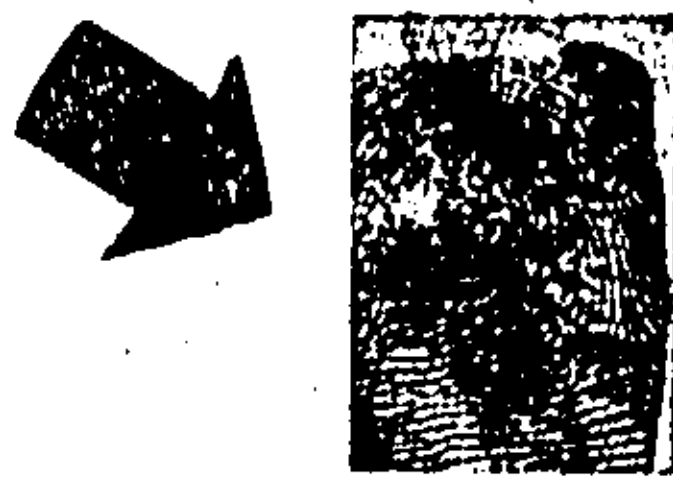
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Two Generals Plan a 'Get Out' Meeting



Would You Mind If They Took This From You?

★ A national system of fingerprint registration would help the police in their fight against crime—say some people. But would the public resent such a system? Today a new examination* of the science of fingerprinting shows how it can help to catch murderers—and why it may fail.



John Clarke's mark.

LATE one night in May 1948, June Anne Devaney, aged four, was missed from her cot in the babies' ward of a Blackburn (Lancashire) hospital.

In the early hours of the morning her body was found in a hayfield in the hospital's grounds.

By the child's cot, the police found fingerprints that belonged to no one in the hospital. The prints were photographed. They did not tally with any of the 1,250,000 sets of prints kept at Scotland Yard, nor with the ten million sets filed by the world's police forces, to whom details were circulated.

To identify the prints, the Blackburn police decided to take those of every man who had been in the town at the time of the murder.

It began in India. They took 46,000 sets from men and boys over 16 (a number equivalent to the entire population of a town the size of Guildford).

The 46,263rd set of fingerprints taken agreed with those found in the babies' ward. They were those of Peter Griffiths, who later was tried, found guilty, and hanged for June Devaney's murder.

The Blackburn case is a classic in the history of fingerprints, or *dactyloscopy* (the official word for the science), which had its beginnings just under 100 years ago, in India, and is told in a book published today.

First man to see the possibilities of classifying prints for identity purposes (in the 1890s) was William Herschel, a magistrate in Bengal, where illiterates frequently "signed" documents by their thumbprint.

A few years later, Sir Francis Galton published the first of a series of works to show how fingerprints might be classified, dictionary-fashion.

First accepted. From his system, Edward Richard Henry, who was born in Shadwell in 1859, and became Inspector-General of Police in Bengal, laid the foundations of the modern science. In 1901 he founded Scotland Yard's Central Fingerprint Branch (now the Fingerprint Department).

Fingerprint evidence was accepted for the first time at the Central Criminal Court (London) in 1902, and a burglar named

Jackson, who had left his prints on some freshly-painted wood at a house in Denmark Hill, went to prison for seven years.

With knives, files, sandpaper, acid, criminals have tried to alter the pattern of loops, arches and whorls that form their fingerprints.

Surgeons failed. American gangsters hired doctors to treat them by plastic surgery. When John Dillinger was caught, it was found the skin had been removed from the tops of his fingers. But the derma, or true skin, was already beginning to make the original pattern on the new outer skin that was growing.

When the torso and arms of Stanley Setty were found in the Essex marshes in October 1949, the body had been in the water 16 days. Prints could not be taken in the normal way, but Chief Superintendent Cherrill, of the Fingerprint Department, had the skin removed from the fingertips. After treatment these caps of skin were stretched over his own fingertips which were encased in rubber gloves. He took a perfect set of prints, and the headless body was at once identified as that of Setty.

When Dr. Buck Ruxton murdered his wife and their maid in Lancaster, in 1935, he dismembered the bodies and packed them into parcels (30 were recovered). He disposed of these in a sunken stream in Dumfriesshire, 110 miles away.

Only five refused. Two months after the crime, an arm of the maid was found, and the pattern of the derma agreed with prints found in the house in Lancaster. Until then there had been nothing definite to link the discovery in Scotland with the doctor's home, from which his wife and her maid had disappeared. As a result of the prints, identity was established, and Ruxton subsequently hanged.

In a number of murder cases cited in this book, prints that may have belonged to the murderer have been found near the body, and the murderer has remained at large. Because unless a man or woman has been in the hands of the police, no records of their prints are kept.

There are those who think a national system of fingerprint registration desirable, with the whole population's prints available on file. But there is a feeling, according to the authors, that such a step would be resented by the public.

That may be so, yet in the mass fingerprinting undertaken at Blackburn, where no compulsion could be used, only 30 men out of 46,000 objected, and all but five of those were persuaded in the end. This book, without taking sides, leaves a large question-mark in the mind: Is it foolish, these days, to be so fussy?

John Clarke

*Fingerprints by Douglas G. Browne and Allan Brock (Harrap and Co., 16s.).

JOHNNY HAZARD



At one end of the Mediterranean is General Franco, at the other end General Naguib. Besides all the glib decorations of epaulettes, each of the Generals also has a chip on his shoulder. Franco wants the British out of Gibraltar; Naguib wants the British out of the Canal Zone.

For reasons possibly not unconnected with the let's-abbreviate attitude of some British politicians, the Generals judge this a good time to agitate. It is suggested that they will meet to plan a joint coup over Britain.

Or has the cold war already started? In the Canal Zone there were 255 attacks on Britons last year, and there have been 20 this year already. Eleven Britons were killed last year, and three have been killed last month.

It has been black in Spain, where student demonstrations mounted in fury and where Franco, courting the Arab States, promises to give Spanish Morocco self-government — thereby touching off trouble for the French in adjacent French Morocco. In war and peace the 10,000 British troops in the Canal Zone do an international job, for Suez must be guarded and kept open for the trade of the free world. In time of war, certainly the Britons on Gibraltar do an essential job for Britain and her allies. Without control of 'The Rock', Malta could not have survived, the conquest of North Africa could not have been achieved, the invasion of Italy could not have been launched in the last war.

And, for the record, it is interesting that the British have held Gibraltar for 250 years. It belonged to Spain, for only 242 years, and before that it was held by the Moors, who took it from the Teutonic Goths when there was no Spanish nation.

The Spaniards have less title to Gibraltar than the British, and must rage in vain.

Why Does The Army Lack Recruits?

I WAS SHOCKED BY THE MEN WHO CAN'T READ

London.

WHEN, in the war, I joined the Navy, I was put in a hut with 30 other men. One of these could write, little more than his name.

So I wrote his letters—and the things I said in his name to a girl on Tyneside make my hair stand on end to this day. He in his turn helped me to put studs in my boots—a job at which I was incompetent.

He was 40 years old. He could not write because, from the time he left school 27 years previously, he had had no reason to practise. His illiteracy was understandable.

Quarter are out

But what has really shocked me this week is to find that all the present-day applicants for the Regular Army, one-quarter have to be rejected mainly because they cannot read or write properly.

These are not men of 40 who are long out of school and who have had no cause to write since they left. These are 18-year-olds, only three years out of school; and yet, when at a London recruiting depot, I looked at the application forms filled in by these successful candidates, I saw that their writing was worse than that of my eight-year-old daughter.

As for reading, the recruiting officer told me that most of the men could mouth the words in the simple application form. But the effort so exhausted some of them that they became wholly incapable of absorbing their meaning.

Even allowing that the present 18-year-olds did much of their

By J. P. W. MALLALIEU, MP.

schooling in wartime, when schools were blitzed or evacuated, and many good teachers were in the services, these facts are a shattering criticism of our educational system, with its overcrowded classes, and not always fully trained teachers.

Unless remedied, they are certain to pull back the whole country's standard of life. Already, to some extent, they are affecting the efficiency of the Army. In 1952, as it happened, recruiting for the regular army, at 43,000, was an all-time record. But that was the first year of the tempting new scheme whereby a man instead of doing National Service for two years at a basic pay of 5s. a day, can get a basic pay of 7s. a day by signing on as a regular for three years.

Signing off

During the past year, however, the attractions—even of that scheme—have palled—recruiting in 1953 was only 39,000—and if National Service is abolished or diminished they would fall still further.

If that happens, the fact that 25 percent of applicants are illiterate for service, would be a serious obstacle to the maintenance of a regular army at anything like the present level of around 200,000 men.

The Army has a very serious problem. About half the recruits sign on only for three years. Nearly all have the intention to come out at the end of each three-year-period of service. An alarmingly large proportion are taking up their

SUDAN SEEKS A LEADER

By JAMES WRIGHTON

BEFORE Arab slavers came up-river with chains and rawhide whips, the black pagan Nilotic tribesmen of South Sudan were wandering over savannah and swamp driving their cattle before them.

Still naked and bearing spears, they have just voted in the birth of a nation three times the size of Egypt.

A quarter of the Sudan's population, ownign a million head of cattle and with iron and copper beneath their lands, they have become a potential force in a new state.

But they have not lost their resentment against the descendants of their slave-masters in North Sudan who still term them infidel savages and bar them from swank clubs in Khartoum.

In the next three years they will have time to ponder the effect of the election which marks the beginning of the Sudan's independence.

They will decide whether they can stomach the rule of their lighter-skinned, better educated Moslem neighbours, who will take over most of the 144 senior government posts from the British.

Well aware of the tension between North and South

Powerful Sects

These two men each lead powerful Moslem sects—the Ansar and the Khatimla—who form the core of two main parties, the Umma and the National Unionists.

In turn, Umma have shown apparent friendship for Britain: The Unionists prefer Egypt. This has been a policy of convenience for the election.

Now that is over the National Unionists, who won the election, will get down to the real issue.

Primarily this is a struggle between the two Sayeds and their fanatical followers. But right along the desert frontier there looms the shadow of ambitious Ngulub and his land-hungry Egyptians.

Egypt invaded the Sudan in 1821 for the very reason that again exists today—the lack of fundamental Sudanese unity.

In his book, "River War," Churchill said of Sudanese inability to throw out the invaders: "They were destitute of two moral forces essential to rebellions. The first was knowledge that better things existed. The second was the spirit of combination. General Gordon showed them the first. The Mahdi provided the second."

Today they have better things—the great British-planned Gezira cotton scheme, stretching for a million acres along the Blue Nile, and the dams which control the Nile and thereby the life of both the Sudan and Egypt.

Envy And Fear

The Sudanese, North and South, have also inherited a knowledge of peaceful administration from the British.

But while the British have brought progress to the Sudan, they have aroused the envy and fear of Egypt.

And now that the British are leaving according to their promise, the Sudan once more faces the threat that existed before the British expelled the Egyptians in 1873.

Before the plebiscite in three years to decide whether the Sudan will link with Egypt, there is time to unite the new state.

This can only be achieved through the Sayeds. If neither of them rise to the occasion, the way will be open for Egyptian intrigue, secession of the South and, perhaps, bloodshed.

The time is ripe for another Mahdi.

BALDNESS WORRIED CAESAR

By CLEMENT D. JONES

JULIUS Caesar's bald spot may have been partially, if indirectly, responsible for his assassination.

His steadily receding hairline had been a source of worry and wounded vanity for many years, and by the time of his death in 44 B.C., Caesar's efforts to combat it by making his baldness had resulted in a new-style haircut for Roman men.

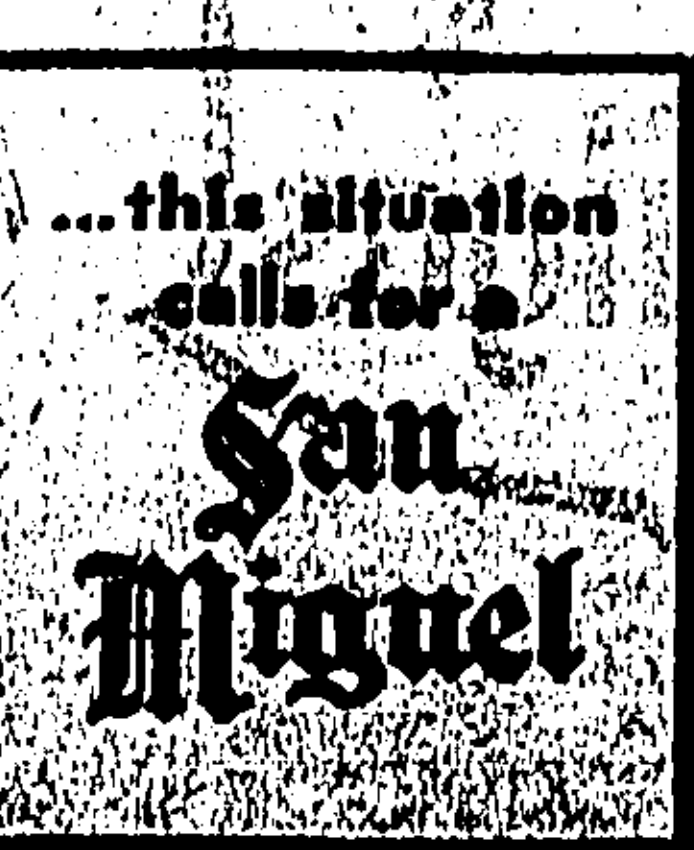
Instead of keeping his few, long, remaining strands horizontally—as some men do today, attempting to conceal their unimpaired pate—Caesar pulled it straight forward, seeking to create the illusion of a youthful brow.

It inspired widespread imitation during Caesar's lifetime, even among those Romans who had no bald spots to hide, according to F.M. Pasinetti, an Italian scholar and novelist. Suetonius and other ancient Roman authors are authorities for the fact that Caesar liked to appear wearing a laurel wreath on every possible occasion because it helped to hide his baldness.

But his fondness for the laurel also appeared to offer tangible proof of the overweening "ambition" for which Brutus, Cassius, Cato and other conspirators decided he must be slain.

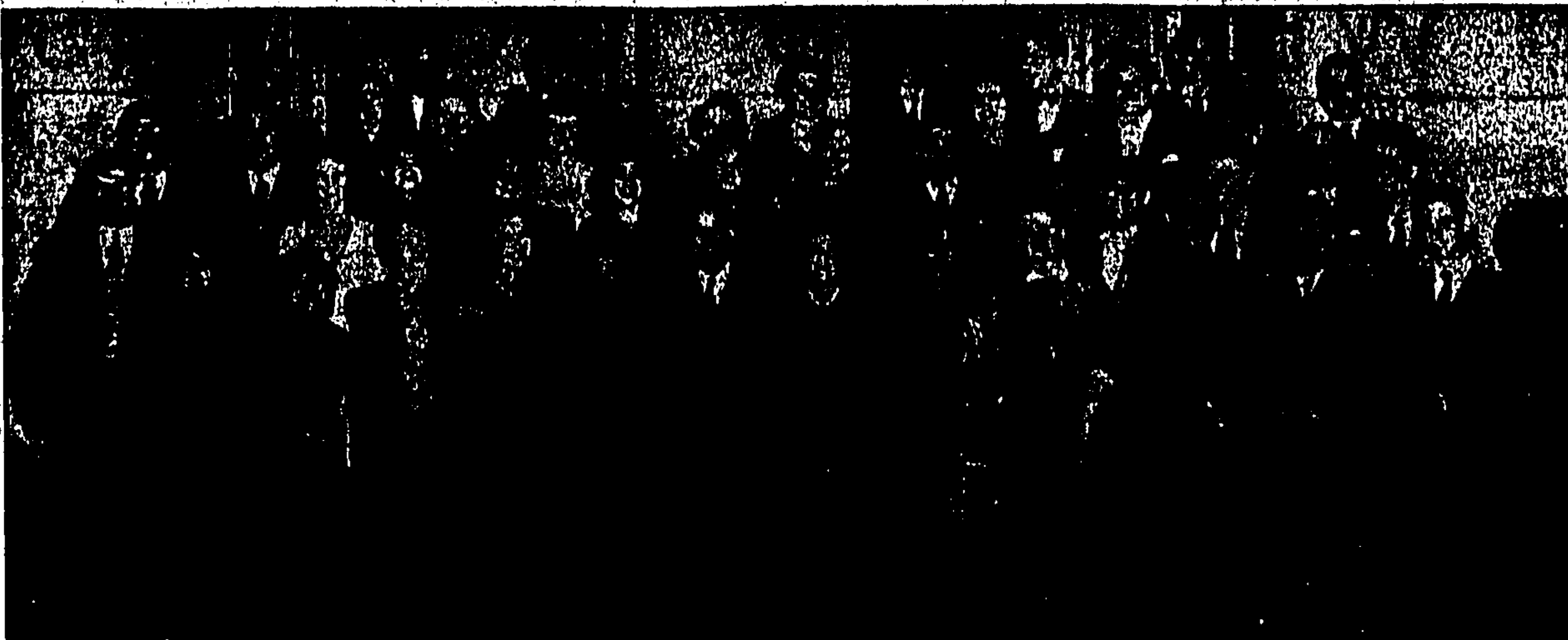
The conspirators had little doubt that Caesar wished to be crowned king. If he did, they reasoned, he probably would have welcomed a crown as a bestowal.

By Frank Robbins





BRIGADIER Gurbaksh Singh (centre), Deputy Commandant of the Indian Custodial Force in Korea, surrounded by Hongkong Indian residents who met the first returning contingent last week. The ship, Asturias, stayed in port only a few hours. (Staff Photographer)



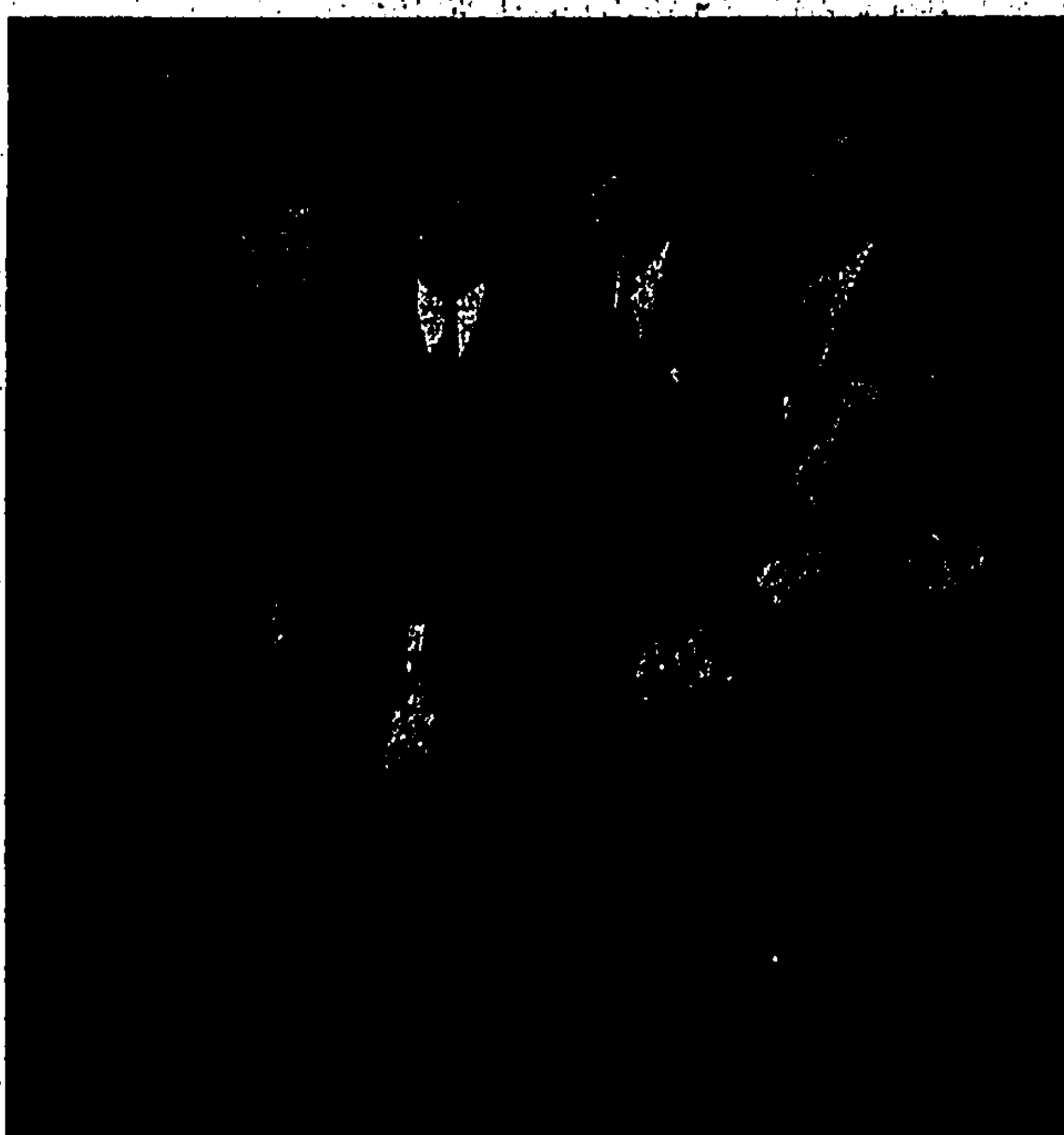
MANY members of the Sino-British Club attended the Chinese New Year dinner party held at the home of Mrs Violet Chan last Saturday. Mrs Chan is sixth from right in the front row. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Picture taken on the steps of St Teresa's Church after the wedding of Mr Emmanuel Louis da Costa and Miss Iria Maria Sequelra last Tuesday. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Dr A. Compton, the winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics (extreme right), seen with Mrs Compton, Mr George Lin, President of the Hongkong Rotary Club, and Dr E. R. Clinchy on his arrival at Kai Tak this week. (Staff Photographer)



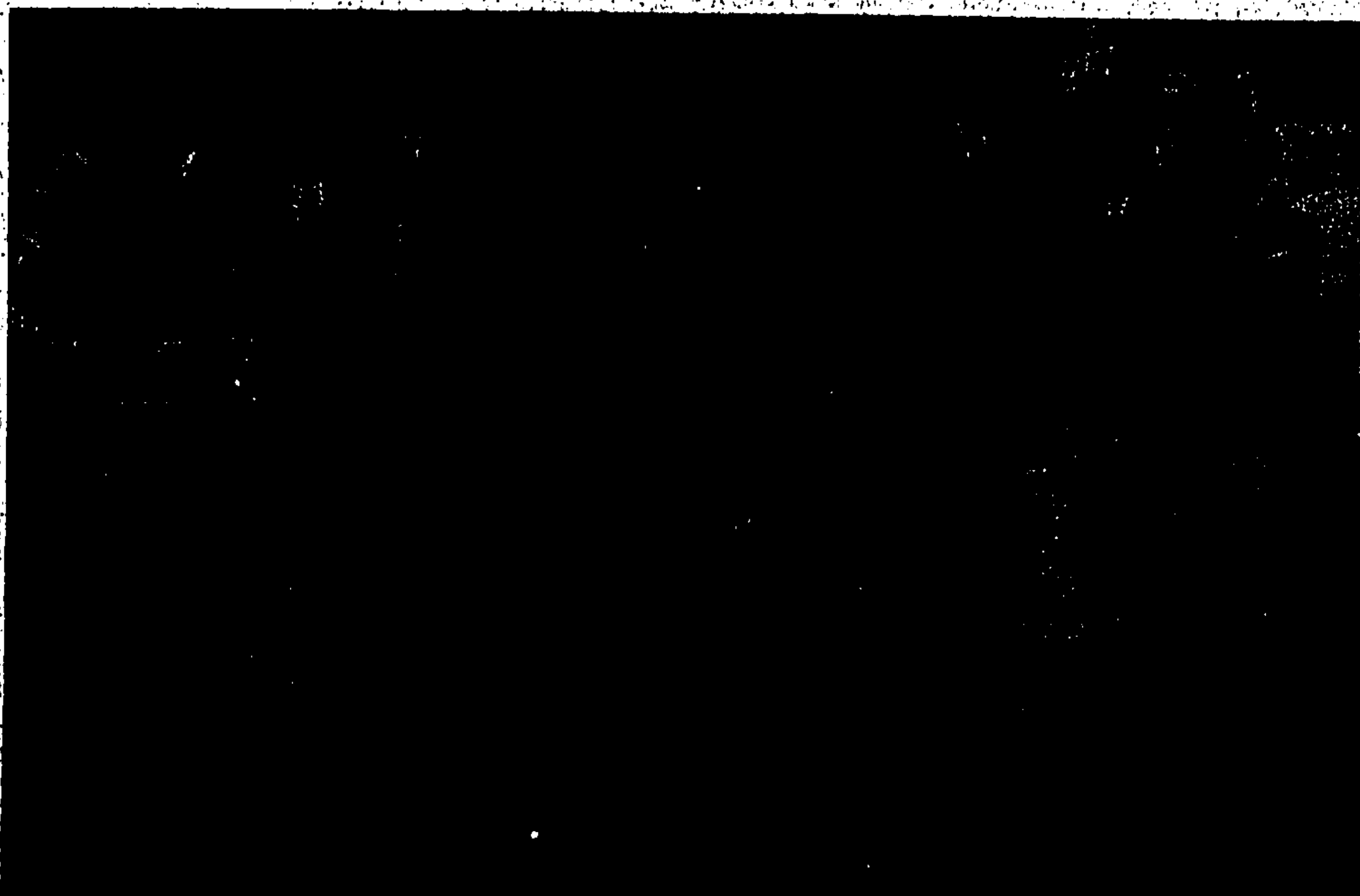
SOME of those who attended the annual dance of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and the Women's Naval Volunteer Reserve, held at Cafe Wiseman. Party includes Lt-Comdr and Mrs L. B. Kilbee, Lt-Comdr and Mrs R. B. Wood, Lt-Comdr and Mrs P. J. Read and Lt-Comdr (L) and Mrs W. A. Nichols. (Staff Photographer)



Mr B. C. Hale (right), Far East General Manager of Thos. Cook and Son, Ltd., was feted last week by the Skat Club, of which he is Vice-Chairman, on the eve of his departure from Hongkong. With him is Mr L. F. Wood, the Club Chairman. (Staff Photographer)

MR J. R. Jones snapped at the YWCA on Tuesday when he gave an interesting talk on George Chinnery, the nineteenth century artist noted for his paintings of the early days of foreign traders in Canton and Macao. (Staff Photographer)

BELOW: Group picture taken at St Andrew's Church following the wedding of Mr Claude Pugh and Miss Margaret Wheeldon. The couple, who are well known in airline circles, will spend their honeymoon in Seattle. (Staff Photographer)



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AT St John's Cathedral after their wedding last week: Mr and Mrs Derek le Doux Wedekind and friends. The bride was Miss Mary Elizabeth Hill. (Staff Photographer)

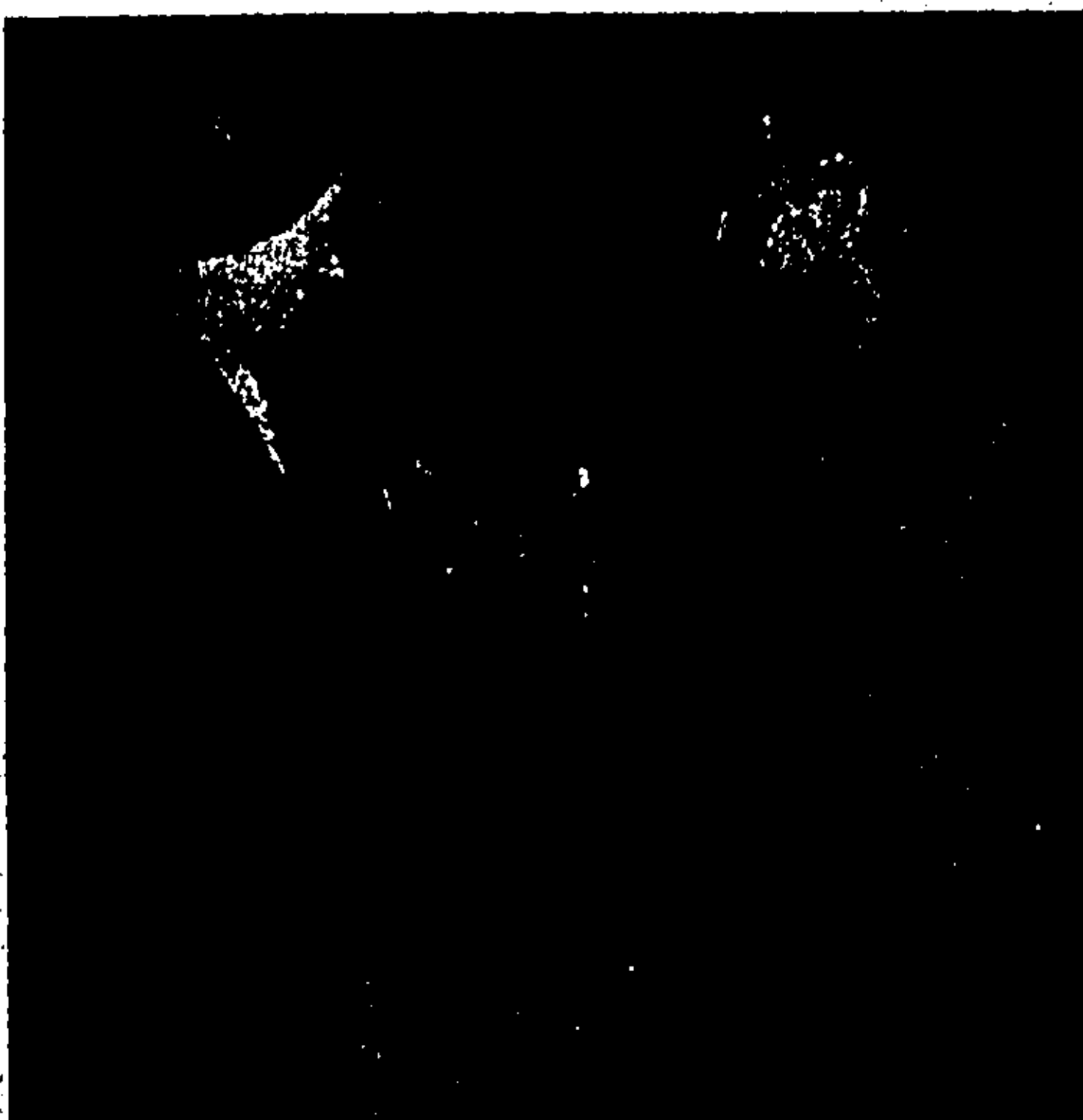


TAKEN at the annual ball of the British Medical Association, Hongkong and China Branch: In the centre is Surgeon Capt. W. R. S. Panckridge; on the left Dr Li Shu-fan, and on the right Miss E. Wakeham, Matron of the Royal Naval Hospital. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Public Works Department architects and engineers show to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, plans of the public projects which he inspected on Wednesday. (Staff Photographer)



AT the official table on the occasion of the Hongkong Rotary Club Ladies' Night at the Repulse Bay Hotel last Saturday. From left: Mr W. V. Pennell, Mrs Todd, Mr George Lin, President, Mrs Pennell and the Hon. R. R. Todd. (Staff Photographer)



MRS F. C. J. Smith presenting a cup to Corporal Mulvaney, high hurdles champion, at the conclusion of the 27 HAA Regt, RA, inter-battery athletic sports last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Commodore A. H. Thorold photographed with the SEE (D) team who won the Royal Naval Dockyard Athletic Association miniature soccer championship on Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



FRIENDS of Mr and Mrs H. W. E. Haath at the christening of their son, Peter Edward, at St John's Cathedral last week. (Ming Yuen)

RIGHT: Captain Joe Neville Mottram, KASC, and his bride, formerly Miss June Patricia Mary Garfit. The wedding took place last Saturday at St Andrew's Church. (Staff Photographer)

BELOW LEFT: Double christening at St John's Cathedral last Sunday of David Allan Glyn and Diane Caroline, children of Mr and Mrs E. G. Jones. (Ming Yuen)

BELOW RIGHT: Mrs Furnivall, wife of Col. L. T. Furnivall, presenting a prize to Mrs T. R. Hunter who won the ladies' dash at the Royal Army Medical Corps sports. (Staff Photographer)



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NOW THE 'IT GIRL' PACES AWAY THOSE SLEEPLESS HOURS

By Donald Ludlow

New York. **PLUMP**, fading woman of 47 paces her room in a Hollywood private sanatorium, dreading the coming darkness that brings sleeplessness.

Only her thick, bright auburn hair reminds her doctors and nurses that Clara Bow was the "It Girl" of the roaring 'twenties, the screen's personification of flaming youth—at \$5,000 a week in an era before taxes.

Ever since the star faded with the coming of the talkies, in 1928, she has suffered from ill-health. Her once famous vitality was drained away by a succession of nervous breakdowns that have led to chronic insomnia.

She tried one type of cure after another, everything from knitting (as "vocational therapy") to psycho-analysis.

A year ago more continuous treatment was advised, and she went into this nursing home high in the hills.

From her window she can see the outlines of the studios and the twinkling

lights of the city where she was once a leading star.

But just now her thoughts are not in the past but in the future—with her husband, Rex Bell, one-time cowboy star, and their sons, George, 15, and Toni, 18.



Remember? This was "It."

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When the strain is not too intense, her doctors encourage her to go out and visit old friends.

Jack Dempsey is one of them. Gilbert Roland, one of her old leading men, with whom she once was linked in a headlined romance, is another. But most of the time she receives no visitors.

In searching for ways to pass the time she has discovered a new talent and a new hobby.

The talent is painting in oils. The hobby is writing to the new stars of television, which she watches for hours. The star who once topped all fan-mail lists has become a fan herself.

Once she began to write her life story, but put it aside after a few chapters. It might have been a best seller, for it would

have told of Hollywood's earliest days, when the film millions were sleeping over. And it would have told of the impact made on the frenzied era, just after the first world war, by a hoydenish Brooklyn schoolgirl of 17 who had won a beauty competition.

She leaped from near poverty to the millionaire class, with 10,000 fan letters a week.

This was the age of The Flapper, and the leg-flinging, hip-shaking Charleston. And Clara Bow became The Flapper, who could shake her hips and kick her legs better than anybody on the screen.

But it remained for elderly, romantic novelist Elmer Glyn, who coined the word, "It" for sex appeal, to award her the title that really made her a world name—"The It Girl."

Dizzy Life

From then on, Clara Bow's life became as dizzy as the escapades in her films. There were romances with Gilbert Roland, the young Gary Cooper, and Broadway singer Harry Richman.

There was a red limousine, with a monkey that always sat beside her. There was a court action against a woman secretary who was later jailed for theft.

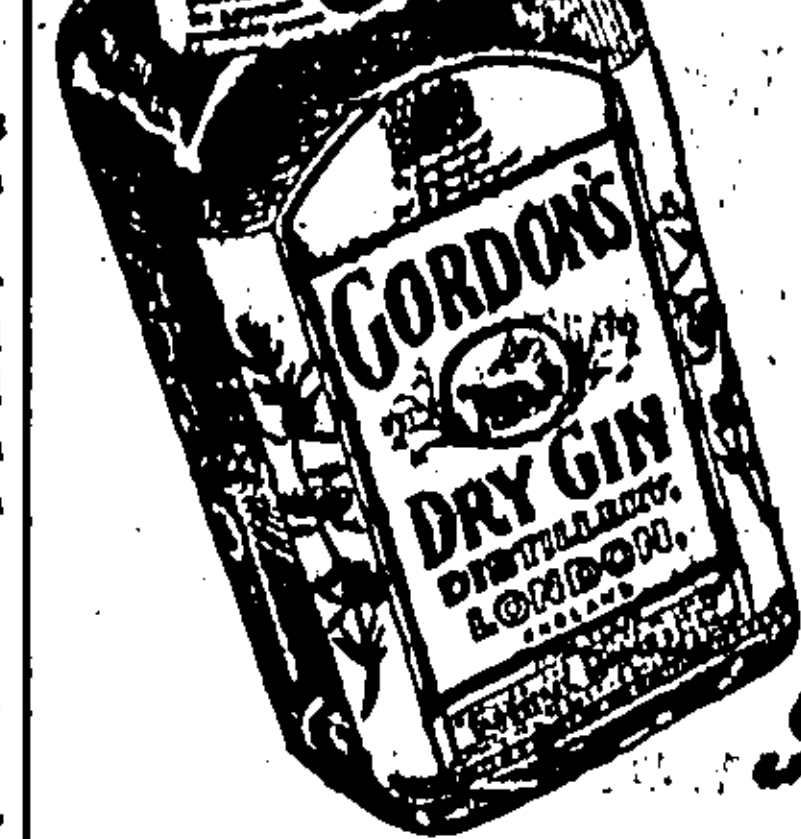
Suddenly came the talkies, a voice that somehow did not fit—and eclipse. Clara Bow, married now to Rex Bell, retired to her ranch.

Her nervous breakdowns became more frequent. Her husband gave up the ranch and became a sport goods dealer in Las Vegas, Nevada.

He said: "Fortunately, Clara has no financial worries. Wise friends made her take out a trust fund long before she could give all her money away."

"In my eyes, anyway, the years haven't changed her, though of course her long illnesses have had their effect. But when she is feeling bright and has been able to sleep she is still as much the It Girl as she ever was."

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Islam Fights For Life In Soviet Russia

By JAMES WICKENDEN

A CROWD jostles through the rabbit-warren bazaars of Bokhara. Some wear Astrakhan shaggy hats. Others pad along in felt boots. Slouching Tatars, squat Kurds and wild looking Tajiks, Kazakhs and Kirghizi argue, bargain or pass on their ways.

They are Moslems, part of the millions who people a region nearly two-thirds the size of China. Once they were independent, now they are Soviet subjects in Russia's Central Asian colonies.

Some of these men have tramped from the silent wastes of the Kara Kum desert. There the smooth white sand dunes, heaped in weird shapes by the cold northeast wind, stretch without a blade of grass over two-thirds of Turkistan to the edge of the Aral Sea.

Others remember the coloured tiles and blue minarets of Samarkand, the poplar groves, the maize fields and the melons.

All recall, if vaguely, old epics about doe-eyed maidens and fierce warriors and, out in the wastelands, stand black ruins to remind them of a glorious past.

Their forebears built the finest square in the world, the Ulugh Beg Samarkand. They also bred the invaders of Persia, and the conquerors of India and Turkey.

Minarets Crumble

NOW the minarets crumble through neglect, and the walls are defaced by posters of next week's football match. There seems to be no past and no future, unless it be Communism.

The Communists have achieved much in their efforts to crush nomadic life, local patriotism and Islam, so that this region will produce for Moscow. Already the new colonies rank third as world growers of cotton, surpassed only by the USA and the Indian sub-continent. Nearly two million more acres have been irrigated; the manufacture of fertiliser has been established on a large scale; and natural rubber, sugar beet, tea, copper and uranium have been developed.

The new master of this remote and valuable region is Khrushchev, recently promoted Number Two to Malenkov in the Party leadership. Under Communism's fifth year plan, he appears ready to make concessions to local feelings so that production will be increased.

For the illon Russian conquerors are not having things all their own way. Although the Communists have a stranglehold on their subjects the fires of resistance still burn.

These melons and onions, for instance, selling for such a good price in the bazaar, were illicitly grown in water diverted at night from the Russian irrigation canals.

Workers who should be toiling at the collective farms are asleep in their mud huts, gratefully taking advantage of a mysterious muddle. They were called to shear 3,000 sheep, but only twelve were given shears. The other 58 had nothing to do for days.

At another station, ten out of eleven new electric shears were broken. The remaining one was idle for want of an operator.

Such muddles also work to the advantage of local Russian officials. As a connective farm recently, the management were worried about the accounts. It seems that Chairman Dzhum-buev was paid 4,078 roubles more than the lawful amount, and the manager of the sheep farm, Tushkevich, 3,400 roubles. Many of the local farmers received not a penny.

Saw No Point

IN the face of such inefficiency, the farmers were glad they had not planted the quota of potatoes and sugar beet. They saw no point in working for problematical pay and, in any case, their Russian masters did not see fit to pay a reasonable price for these crops.

When the figures had been laboriously gathered, Khrushchev was able to complain that none of the targets had been met. Cotton output was behind, the livestock situation was grave, there were not enough trained operatives, the building of winter shelters for animals was not up to schedule.

And there is even corruption among the Russian officials. The wife of the milk farm manager, Eshchenko, and the wives of the brigadiers in charge of fodder production, do not like collective farm work, complained a Communist paper. These women pretended they were ill, but loaded carts to the top with fruit and sold it in the bazaar for their own profit.

To the locals' delight a Russian dentist was found out. In the Tasjkent district, Comrade Voloshin used to tell his patients: "These teeth will have to be extracted," and on seeing a patient's face drop, would assure him: "I will give you two new ones in their place."

Always Attacked

THEN his voice would become seductive: "You had better come to my home; I can make them more quickly and cheaply than there." This gave the dentist the chance to pocket fees due to the State.

But the Turkistanis do not accept these incidents as evidence of Russian laxity. They know too well the relentless harshness underlying the policies of their masters, even against their personal beliefs and culture.

Their resistance is constantly attacked—in the classroom, at

mass meetings and in the newspapers. Their epics and folk-lore are repressed, and their history is rewritten.

Most newspaper articles follow the same pattern:

"Religion, by reason of its slavish and exploitative character is, and always will be, a reactionary ideology irreconcilable with that of the fighter for Communism."

This argument is beyond their understanding. But they realize Moscow's intentions in this:

"Religion is incompatible with science. It justifies the feudal attitude towards women in the name of Allah... however the time will not be far distant when no trace will be left of all survivals of the past, INCLUDING RELIGION."

The Turkistanis Moslems regard this as blasphemy. They cannot understand how anyone can put forth such views. They do not know that, in case local editors lose the thread of the latest Communist line, there is a dictation speed telephone service from Moscow, over which

mass-produced articles are sent to all large towns.

Even little stories about the collective farms are microscopically examined and criticised by Party writers with a ponderous gravity only possible in the Russian steppe:

"Two collective farms amalgamate and a celebration is held. At the races an old horse, Kart Kyuren, wins. The first prize is not won by young thoroughbreds trained by the young, but by an old horse. This does not seem true... it reeks of olden times."

Constant Threat

THE olden times, of course, is just what the Turkistanis want. They regret the day that Britain refused to take over the rule of one of their states offered by the ruling prince when the Bolsheviks first marched in. And they took upon Pakistan the new free Islamic state, with envy.

These twenty million Moslems are slowly being humiliated and crushed. But until the process is complete they constitute a constant threat to the cohesion of Soviet Russia.

SAM WHITE'S PARIS NEWSLETTER

THE CULTURAL ATTACHE DEFINES HER NEW JOB

Paris. ANYONE searching for a musical comedy successor to "Call Me Madam" should take a look at the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Paris.

Consider its cast. First, there is that great Latin lover, Porfirio Rubirosa, recently publicly fired from his post as Minister in the Embassy by his former father-in-law, President Trujillo, and promptly reinstated after his marriage to heiress Barbara Hutton.

Then there is the new Madame Rubirosa as "the hostess with the mostest on the ball." Finally, a former cabaret singer, now married to a millionaire Dominican contractor, has the true-life role as the Embassy's "cultural attache."

AFFECTIONATE TITLE

She is Madame Lucienne de Benitez Roxach, better known as La Môme Mousette ("the little sparrow"). This is an affectionate title bestowed on her before the war, when she entertained night club patrons with her lusty singing.

Madame Roxach is a small, plump woman with a ruddy complexion. When I saw her in a fashionable bar she was dressed in her usual daytime uniform of tailored slacks, a dark jacket and a small hat.

covered her brilliant henna-purple hair. On a finger she wore a ring with a half-inch square sapphire.

I talked to her about her Embassy job and she gave me a new definition of culture. "Being cultural attache," she explained, "means simply introducing the ambassador to the right people. I have to help him because I know everybody in Paris. Sometimes I say to him, 'No, you must not ask so-and-so because he is a secret Communist,' for example. Or 'You must ask so-and-so.' Then I help him, too, with the menus and the wine."

Was her post an honorary one? Indeed not. "I get well paid for it," she told me.

Of her old friend Rubirosa, she said: "He is a nice boy. He knows how to wear his clothes." She has several flats and houses in Paris, but prefers to live in a hotel.

Next week she will go to St. Moritz, then on to the Riviera, where her yacht is anchored and where she owns a villa.

Now, one wonders, does the Dominican Ambassador manage during her long absences without her "cultural guidance?"

NIGHT LIFE MOVES

THE entertainment map of Paris is undergoing a radical change. The old-time cabarets are being replaced by new ones.

tainment quarter has emerged.

This is the Palais-Royale district, near the Comedie-Francaise. It is on the right bank, just across from the post-war night club centre of St. Germain des Pres, which is now languishing as the result of this competition.

The Palais-Royale quarter now boasts some six night clubs and these are affecting night club trade as far afield as Montparnasse and the Champs Elysees.

COLD WEATHR SHOCKS

THE brutal cold has dealt Parisians some brutal shocks; they have discovered that in this city there are thousands of humble people who are so badly housed that they only protect themselves from the cold by moving themselves and their children to underground railway stations.

More than 30 people have died in the present cold wave, among them 12 children. An elderly woman was found dead on the Boulevard Sebastopol, and in her hand was a note expelling her from her lodging.

A front-page newspaper photograph shows an expectant mother, covered in a blanket, starting a fire in a stove on the platform of an underground station. The woman was found there, and a fire started by her.

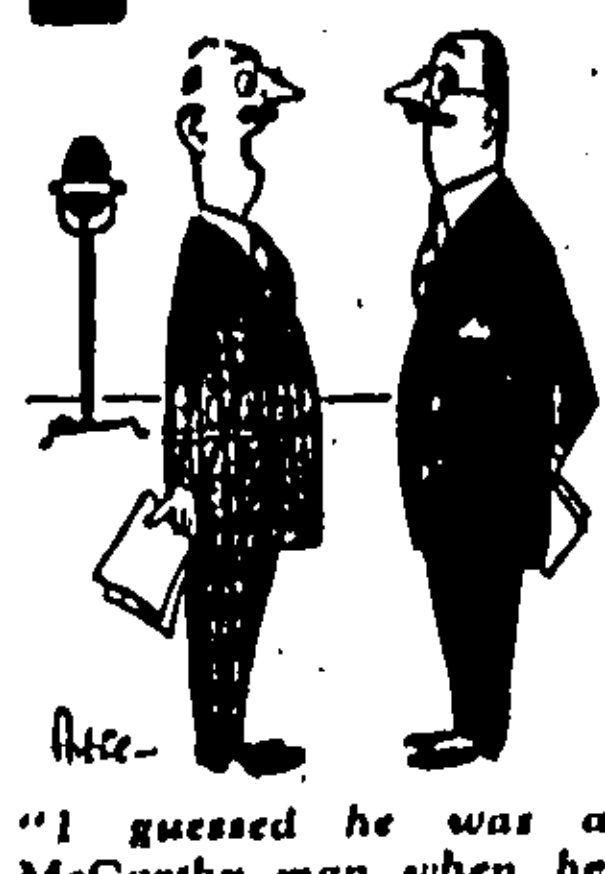
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Hemingway's Advance On Paris

ERNEST HEMINGWAY. By Philip Young. Bell, 12s. 6d. 244 pages.

WHEN Ernest Miller Hemingway was a small boy, his mother, who sang in First Congregational Church, Oak Park, Chicago, gave him a 'cello. But his father, a big, bearded doctor, who liked fishing, gave him a shot-gun. Ernest preferred the gun.

From that moment "it was clear what kind of writer he would grow up to be. The kind of writer who liked bull-fighting, belated generals, and dream of being a general. The kind of author who writes at 14th, 12th, (and fights at 10th, lighter); who has been shot, in combat, through both feet, both knees, both arms, both hands, plus six times in the head. Battle honors, five battle stars, one silver medal, one aluminum knecap.

This one-man cavalry unit was surprised in his first campaign (Italian Front, First World War) to find himself afraid. By the time the Second War came he had trained himself to be completely, dramatically fearless. One theory is that he had written the fear out of his system. By that time, he had also outlived an embarrassing resemblance to Clark Gable which brought him offers of Hollywood parts.

Invading Europe as a war correspondent (1944), Hemingway found himself attached to the army of Patton, a flamboyant, gun-toting general, a kind of Hemingway who did not write. Disliking this rival commander, Hemingway disengaged his forces and, in alliance with another American army, advanced on Paris.

At one moment, Task Force Hemingway was 62 miles ahead of more cautious units and its leader was demanding tank support. "I always keep a pin in the map for old Ernie," said the divisional commander.

Old Ernie imposed his authority on 200 French irregulars, innocent youths who believed that nobody under the rank of general would have an aide-de-camp, personal relations officer, cook, photographer, driver and special liquor ration.

At the head of these troops, Hemingway liberated the Ritz Hotel in the Place Vendôme. Said one of his French entrees, a late-comer: "Papa took good hotel. Plenty stuff in cellar. You go up quick."

Papa—who had grown a beard to go with his favourite nickname—barely escaped a court martial after this exploit: got a medal instead.

After the war, having been saved from death by 16 million units of penicillin, he wrote a (bad) novel, Across the River and Into the Trees, about a general who dies.

Hemingway is a champion heavy-weight, deep-sea fisherman, a variety of roses, has been named after him. He is a crack on navigation, military history, prizefighters and bullfighting.

Once he elaborately and eloquently denounced "the

American female." He has been married four times, each time to an American.

Between the wars, this restless, open-air figure played hard ("Few men have been able to stand the strain of relaxing with Hemingway for long," said Damon Runyon), worked hard.

He evolved (from the Old Testament, Mark Twain, and a strange American woman, Gertrude Stein), a way of writing, repetitive, deceptively simple, kind of controlled and purposeful mandering, which exactly suited what he wanted to do.

This was to write novels of a despairing, violent world: Waste Land smelling of cordite; To express a novel bitter romanticism. Not one of his novels contains a heroine who is more than a pliant doll.

Philip Young is a critic who conducts the most interesting and acute inspection to date of an author who thinks critics have an actively pernicious influence on writers.

Now a legendary figure, Hemingway dwells in Cuba, tending his blood-pressure with pills and giving the young advice on life, love and literature. Advice on literature: "Read everything, so you'll know what you have to beat."

Among other things, they have to beat first-famous, still-beat Hemingway novel, Farewell to Arms.

Casanova Went To Sea
AUGUSTUS HERVEY'S JOURNAL. Kimber. 25s. 349 pages.

PAUSE before you condemn too harshly the dissolute life to which Augustus Hervey confers in his journal.

Pause and consider the marital misadventure into which he was plunged as a young man with no money, little sense, Whig principles and a desire to win glory in the naval service of his country.

He was 20, a lieutenant, about to sail for the West Indies, when at Winchester Palace, one day in 1744, he met the undeniably beautiful Miss Elizabeth Chudleigh, orphan of a former Governor of Chelsea Hospital and Maid of Honour to the Princess of Wales.

Was Augustus discouraged by the thought that, at 24, the young lady was already some-what shop-soiled? She had been under the protection of William Pittwater, who, tiring of the girl, had her made a Maid of Honour.

To young sailors such deterrents have less than the normal force.

It is even unlikely that Augustus suspected that there



by George Malcolm Thomson

might be some connection between Miss Chudleigh's passion for him and the fact that he was heir to his brother, the Earl of Bristol, who, by a coincidence, was then at death's door.

The marriage took place, secretly, in a tiny church in the grounds of Lansdown House, near Salisbury. The romantic bridegroom left for his ship; the bride resumed her duties as Maid of Honour. And the Earl of Bristol recovered.

Years followed during which Augustus paused occasionally in his pursuit of Italian courtesees, the wife of a Doge, Portuguese nuns (for whom he had a particular partiality) to be "very much displeased with many things I hear of Miss Chudleigh's conduct," and at last to take "a resolution of never having any more to do in that affair."

About this time Miss Chudleigh had appeared at the Venetian Ambassador's ball at Somerset House in a state of delectable advanced that a sharp-tongued witness wrote, "Miss Chudleigh's dress was remarkable. She was light-colored for the occasion, but so naked that the high priest might easily inspect the entrails of the victim. The Maids of Honour (not of maids (i.e. strictest) were so offended they would not speak to her."

When the Earl of Bristol appeared once more to be at the point of death, Elizabeth rushed down to the little church at Lansdown and induced the old parson to enter the details of her secret wedding. In the register, explaining "it is as good as a hundred thousand pounds in my pocket." But the Earl again recovered.

In disgust she then gave up all her hopes of the Bristol fortune and resolved to marry her protector, the Duke of Kingston. Augustus, for a payment of £16,000, took part in a fraudulent scheme, whereby the court found that he and Elizabeth had never been married. He probably attended the marriage of Elizabeth to her Duke "to take a last look at my widow."

In that case he spoke too soon. He was not quite finished with Elizabeth.

When the Duke of Kingston died, leaving his money to his "wife," a disinherited nephew proved to the satisfaction of the House of Lords that her second marriage had been bigamous; the penalty for which included branding.

But Elizabeth's luck held. The Earl of Bristol died. If she was not Duchess of Kingston, it followed infallibly that she was now Countess of Bristol. And a peeress could not be branded.

She retired to a life of debauchery on the Continent.

In fairness to her husband Augustus, it must be said that this deplorable union did not unduly damp his patriotic duties at sea.

He was a bold commander, a man of strong opinions and a violent partisan of Admiral Byng (who had put him in the way of £9,000 of prize money) when that unfortunate officer was tried and condemned for failing to beat the French. But, although he writes vigorously of naval matters, Hervey brings even more vivacity, enjoyment—and shamelessness—to bear on his adventures on land.

Hervey's journal is the unvarnished story of a young man with more spirit than morals; a kind of minor Casanova in a naval uniform.

LIBRARY LIST

ROUND ABOUT INDIA. By John Seymour. Eyre and Spottiswoode; 18s.; 255 pages. Unconventionally arriving in South India as one of the crew of an Indian sailing boat, Seymour spent a year drifting about the sub-continent, visiting the Syrian Christians, the White Jews of Cochin, the deepest gold-mine in the world, and mixing with the people free from any consciousness of caste or colour. A most engaging travel-book.

FLIGHT INTO SPACE. By Jonathan Norton Leonard. Sidgwick and Jackson; 12s. 6d.; 245 pages. The pits and cons of space-travel discussed in a reasonable and well-informed way.

GHOSTS AND POLTERGEISTS. By Herbert Thurston. S. J. Burns Oates; 18s.; 210 pages. Anybody seeking an intelligent, level-headed account of poltergeist manifestations through the centuries need not go beyond Fr. Thurston's book. It is not his purpose to convince the public of the reality of these odd happenings. But the effect of the succession of poltergeist stories is to raise doubt and speculation among the most sceptical.

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PARADE

WELL, WHAT A D'YA KNOW A man means about to visit Britain have been warned to be on guard against four races to be met with in the country.

They were described like this: "The SCOTS, who, keep the Sabbath and anything else they can lay hands on; the WELSH, who pray on their knees and on their neighbours; the IRISH, who don't know what the devil they want, but who are willing to die for it, and the ENGLISH, who consider themselves self-made men and worship their Creator."

EXPORT DRIVE? For Sale: One hundred unexploded British bombs recovered by German salvage crews on Heligoland, German island in the North Sea.

The bombs will be sold as scrap metal. But there's a catch. Buyer's will have to pay German customs duty.

The German Government lists the bombs as "scrap metal of foreign origin."

FIGURE FACTS To dumpy girls who first because they don't measure up to mannequin standards came consolation this week.

Their figures resemble the Venus of Milo more closely than do the mannequins.

The Ministry of Health has just been at work with a tape measure on five thousand women aged eighteen to seventy.

Britain's average woman, it seems, weighs 9st. 7lb., is 5ft. 3in. tall; has 35.5in. bust; 26.9in. waist; 38.4in. hips.

Venus (it's not fair to weigh her in marble) is 5ft. 4in. tall; has a 37in. bust; 26in. waist; 38in. hips.

The mannequins, however, whose figures look so perfect on parade, are generally 5ft. 7in. or 5ft. 8in. tall; have busts 34-35in.; waists 22-23in.; hips 34-35in.

The Ministry, taking the matter further, breaks down the five thousand into three age groups, showing how the passing years put on weight and girth.

For instance, the average weight of the youngest group—18 to 20—is 9st. 1lb.; hips 37.5in. With the over-forty-fives, this has expanded to: weight, 10st. 4lb.; hips 40.4in.

Noteworthy is that the younger generation are taller than their mothers. Height of the young

group is 5ft. 3.1in; that of the over forty-fives, 5ft. 2.1in.

NIX Women belonging to the PIX Druze tribe—an Arab Christian sect with secret rites—need not have their identity cards, the Israel Government has decided.

According to the tenets of the Druze faith, no woman may have her photograph taken.

DUCKS ANSWERED NAMES Twenty-four ducks who answer to their names have a new home.

They come from the village of Winscombe, of Mrs Joyce Ricketts, wife of a Bristol businessman who is moving to Bristol.

At Winscombe, Mrs Ricketts had a lake and reared the ducks so that they became tame enough to waddle in and out of the house. On giving up her home, Mrs Ricketts realised that the ducks were too tame to survive in a wild state and so offered them to the Corporation, who sent a van for them.

Mrs Ricketts stood at the water's edge and summoned the flock one by one. The ducks obediently climbed into the van and were taken to their new home, St George Park lake, Bristol. They have settled down quite happily.

BATTLE OF THE HAIR GRIPS The battle of the hair grips, whether it be for the feminine head in Manchester or for the flowing locks of a bearded Sikh in India, is on with a vengeance and causing much competition between British and German manufacturers.

Tidiness of the world's feminine tresses was more or less in the keeping of Birmingham manufacturers, but now, though they produce nearly a million hair grips a day, comes sterner competition from Germany in the form of a cheaper product.

Shorter hair styles produced the idea, for ordinary hair pins slipped out of clipped tresses. Almost simultaneously, a Birmingham firm and some American manufacturers brought out the hair grip, but the Midlands factory gradually gained the upper hand in the struggle for markets. With Germany coming to grips, as it were, the battle for supremacy waged long and hard, each side attempting to capture the trade with a variety of new-style grips.

Reason: A letter, addressed to an official in room 124 of a government office building, came back from the post office, it was marked: "Not for Room 124, try Room 122."

SOLD CAR FOR A PENNY "Old Ben," they affectionately called him in OLDHAM, when at 07 he was one of the town's most beloved characters. He had had a university education, and although he always dressed in shabby clothes, he was reputed to be wealthy.

And for 10 years or more, Benjamin Bolton's daily routine was to call at the neighbouring Ordnance Arms Inn for his night-cap of whisky and buy his fellow cronies a drink. But one night recently he was missing. They saw that the lights in his house were shining. They went on shining all night. Licensee Herbert Bottomley became worried, broke in and found "Old Ben" dead.

And at the Ordnance Arms they may be heard discussing this lovely man who, in return for a Christmas present spontaneously offered to him by a neighbour, retailed with a gift of twenty golden sovereigns. Once he sold a car for a penny to a deserving friend who could ill-afford to buy one.

IT PAYS TO READ Diamond An-druch of Capetown never read the paper. For 19 years, he had scored the winning word and gone his happy way, oblivious of what went on in the world.

Then, one day recently, he was cycling to work. A brick sou'-easter blew a newspaper around his head. He fell off.

On the curb he disengaged himself and saw his name in print. The story said he was the missing heir to some property in Naples.

Disbelieving, An-druch always reads the paper.

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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Cavalryman (6).
- 5 Rod (5).
- 8 Skin (4).
- 9 Has confidence in (6).
- 11 Month (5).
- 12 Trial (6).
- 14 Tangle (4).
- 16 Koca (5).
- 18 Twine (5).
- 19 Unemployed (4).
- 20 Expelled (6).
- 24 Scrimmage (5).
- 25 Vehement speech (6).
- 26 Assent (4).
- 27 Burdened (5).
- 28 Plague (6).

DOWN

- 1 Injure (4).
- 2 Card game (4).
- 3 Initiated (4).
- 4 Take ill (6).
- 5 Stopped working (7).
- 6 Set in order (7).
- 7 Stumbles (7).
- 10 Fellers (5).
- 13 Kitchen implement (7).
- 14 Relations (7).
- 15 Seat (7).
- 17 Change (5).
- 19 Part of the foot (6).
- 21 Fatigue (4).
- 22 Crazy (4).
- 23 Expensive (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Vacant, 4 Smart, 7 Concur, 8 Slope, 10 Loom, 12 Rapture, 15 Level, 16 Air's, 17 Sped, 19 Vaunt, 20 Tedious, 21 Tome, 23 Plush, 24 Diskarn, 25 Strew, 26 Leaded, Down: 1 Vocalist, 2 Consoled, 3 Noun, 5 Miliant, 6 Report, 9 Gains, 11 Medicine, 12 Revue, 13 Untoward, 14 Esteemed, 18 Pellet, 22 Lido.

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BY HARRY WEINERT



THE CHINA MAIL'S WEEKEND LOCAL SPORTS PARADE

LEAGUE CRICKET AVERAGES

BATTING

(Qualification — 200 runs)

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Aver.
G. A. Souza (CCC)	15	3	111*	737	61.4
A. R. Kitchell (IRC)	15	5	60	381	42.3
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	11	2	70	200	42.1
H. Farmer-Wright (Army)	11	4	67*	284	40.6
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	10	3	69	302	30.2
W. C. Kettlewell (RAF)	10	3	53*	208	29.7
T. G. C. Knight (Scorpions)	11	2	75	203	29.2
P. V. Dodge (KCC)	14	1	88	276	29.1
Hughes (RAF)	10	0	262	28	2.8
A. T. Lee (KCC)	10	3	67*	270	27.0
F. A. Weller (Scorpions)	10	1	50	250	25.0
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	10	2	87*	220	22.0
G. H. Pritchard (Optimists)	12	0	79	320	27.4
Cpl. West (RAF)	19	1	72*	379	27.1
Capt. De Cruz (Army)	12	3	60*	243	27.1
B. Dhabher (CCC)	14	2	61*	314	26.2
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	11	1	70*	256	25.6
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	14	3	62*	273	24.8
L. Kilbee (Optimists)	14	1	64*	310	24.3
L. L. Stanton (Scorpions)	14	2	91	287	23.9
Surg. Coma. Pearson (Navy)	10	1	58*	215	23.9
P. Wood (KCC)	14	1	54*	307	23.0
S. E. M. Bux (IRC)	14	0	43	301	21.5
R. Macpherson (Optimists)	12	0	59	293	21.1
J. C. Koh (IRC)	14	0	73	280	20.4
Lt. Sadler (Navy)	12	0	78*	223	20.3
A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	14	1	40	238	18.3
LAC Hensley (RAF)	17	0	38	309	18.1
K. Y. Tam (CCC)	14	2	75	202	16.8
LAC Armstrong (RAF)	17	0	35	235	13.8
H. Madar (CCC)	17	0	35	235	13.8

BOWLING

(Qualification — 20 wickets)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Cpl. Dowling (Army)	111.5	22	303	52	7.9
Brice (Navy)	94.4	16	201	24	8.4
K. G. Spink (Optimists)	119.6	24	410	44	9.3
Ldg. Sig. Sims (Navy)	92.1	11	210	22	9.5
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	113.2	11	400	43	10.7
D. W. Leach (Scorpions)	98.8	10	224	20	11.2
T. G. C. Knight (Scorpions)	95.5	9	316	25	12.6
Lt. Alexander (Army)	115.4	26	411	31	13.2
T. Mahon (Optimists)	138.2	34	459	34	13.5
Fl. Lt. Stappard (RAF)	127.0	13	481	34	14.1
P. J. Bullmore (CCC)	112.4	16	381	21	14.6
A. L. Pereira (Recreio)	93.4	6	485	20	16.7
L. L. Stanton (Scorpions)	111.5	4	678	33	17.5
Fl. Sgt. Horsham (RAF)	90.1	5	392	21	18.7
B. Carnell (KCC)	98	9	427	21	20.3
G. H. Pritchard (Optimists)	108	13	550	26	21.4
J. C. Koh (IRC)	118.1	11	557	26	21.4
S. M. Teh (HKU)					

Pentangular Tournament Matches At Kai Tak This Afternoon

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon the two main games are at Kai Tak, with the first being between the Army and the Police at 3.00 p.m. followed by the Club versus the RAF at 4.15 p.m. This should provide two very good games with perhaps a surprise for most of the spectators in the second one.

In the first game, when the Army meet the Police, there is little doubt that the Army should, on last week's form, win comfortably, but it must be remembered that most of the Army have spent the larger part of the week in the New Territories undergoing manoeuvres and will consequently be somewhat tired.

There have been two changes in the Army team with Bowring and Downe joining the forwards. Downe is replacing Eve who was slightly injured, and the selectors have therefore decided to rest him for this week.

Downe, while not in the same class as Eve, has been playing very well in the last couple of games and is the best substitute available. This will slightly weaken the forward line, and it is of course in this aspect that the Police are best.

It would come as no surprise if the Police see most of the ball in the set scrums, but their backs will have to pull up their socks if they are to have any chance of winning.

The Army have retained their three line of last week and once they get a chance will be hard for the Police to stop. This is definitely harder opposition for the Police than last week but with their good pack and their terrific spirit they should be able to keep the Army down, to a respectable score. If the Police backs will only tackle hard and watch their passing they could win, but there is not much hope of that happening.

TACTIC ADMISSION

In the second game there are quite a few changes in both teams. The Club have at last tacitly admitted that they cannot win the Pentangular and are at last attempting to find a good team for next season. As a result the three line has been switched around and two new players are brought in.

Roberts has gone to full back. Rather a surprising move but after this excellent show by him last week at half back, Craig Lambert has been put in the front row where he will be of more use, and Kilner returns to the forward line.

This gives the team a fairly strong pack but a weak three line.

HOW THEY STAND

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	7	0	1	115	80	12
Army	6	5	1	68	11	10
Club	6	3	3	42	29	9
RAF	6	1	5	31	61	2
Police	7	1	5	17	103	2

On the other side of the Harbour there will be a game between the 7th Royal Tank and the Club "B" on the Race Course Ground at 2.30 p.m. This should prove quite interesting as both teams are fairly evenly matched.

Club "B" are still weak in the backs but look better in the forwards where they should be best. If anything I think that the Tanks may have the edge in this game and if the Club "B" are too far out of form they may be in a bit of a predicament.

SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

Influences Which Stretch Far Beyond The Touchlines Of Local Football Fields

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The fact that it appears Hongkong will not after all be sending a soccer side to take part in the forthcoming Asian Games in Manila is being received with mixed feelings in different sections of the community.

There is, of course, a natural sense of regret that we shall not be represented in this important football competition, but there can be no doubt that our absence has prevented... or maybe only delayed... a major crisis in our soccer affairs.

I discussed the situation with a Chinese sportsman the other day and he was very frank in saying that in the present circumstances he felt that the organisational difficulties which have resulted in our exclusion have also prevented a major showdown in our camp.

MADE NO BONES

He made no bones about the fact that we are faced with outside influences and very divided loyalties, and he had no doubt that if the matter had progressed according to plan pressure would have been brought to bear on many of the Chinese players to refuse any invitation to represent the Colony.

At the same time he was just as frank in saying that if the players had freedom of decision many of them would have no second thoughts about it and would be honoured to represent Hongkong. The lack of response by the Chinese clubs to the circular on the matter leaves no one in any doubt about their views.

The other day I went out of my way to contact one of the leading Chinese players who would almost certainly have been considered for any team selected to represent the Colony.

I put the matter to him quite bluntly and, after asking for an assurance that both my interpreter and I would honour his confidence by not giving his name, he gave us a most pertinent reply.

He said, "If I was picked to represent the Colony in the Asian Games I would feel honoured, but that does not mean that I would actually play. This is not an ordinary competition and there would have to be approval of my selection in other circles before I could turn out. But I will tell you this... if I could not play as a representative of Hongkong I will not play against Hongkong, but now that the Colony is not going to play at Manila the trouble will not arise and I can tell you that I and many other Chinese players are glad that we have been spared all the unpleasantness that would certainly have arisen."

I do not believe that I could have obtained a better summary of the situation than I did from this player. The facts of the case show that even these Chinese players who would be pleased to represent the Colony in which they play their football, and in which many of them have their living, would not be free to accept such an invitation because of influences which stretch far beyond the touchlines of the football field. Such is football democracy.

PLEASING FEATURE

The most pleasant feature of the past week was the delightful exhibition of bewildering combination served up by the Hongkong Chinese forwards in their Memorial Cup match against the Combined Services. Some of the play was a sheer delight to the student of the game... if he was prepared to overlook the essential fact that all this brilliant exhibition of the skills of the game is supposed to lead up to goals.

The difference in standard between the two teams, as far as mastery of the ball was concerned, was as the poles to the equator, and yet at the end there was only one goal between them.

I am a confessed and ardent admirer of the game as played by the Chinese boys but in competitive football one would like to see them turn their cleverness into goals.

King Lok-sang is a grand footballer but I believe that if he had swapped places with Scout in this game the Chinese side would have won by a very much bigger score. I say that in spite of the fact that I consider King a very much better ball player than the soldier, but the Kitchee man lacks the 'devil' or goal instinct for which the ultra brilliant Chinese line is crying out.

WEEK-END GAMES

The back log of fixtures which was built up at the start of the season due to lack of suitable grounds is now a problem and the incoming week will see the start of all-out efforts to get these outstanding games played off.

The full programme is as follows:

Today
First Division
CAA v. Club at Navy ground, 4 p.m.
Navy v. South China at Club ground, 4 p.m.

St Joseph's v. Army at Sockunpoo, 4 p.m.
Kitchee v. Kwong Wah at Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

Tomorrow
First Division
Eastern v. RAF at Club ground, 4 p.m.
KMB v. Police at Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

Tuesday
First Division
South China v. Eastern at Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.

Wednesday
Senior Shield Semi-final
KMB v. Kwong Wah at Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

Junior Shield Semi-final
Army v. South China at Club ground, 2 p.m.

First Division
Police v. CAA at Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.

Thursday
First Division
Army v. Sing Tao at Club ground, 4.15 p.m.

After their fine display against the Army last week-end pride of place this week must go to the sailors meeting with South China at the Club Stadium this afternoon.

Once again it is difficult to know what sort of a side the Navy will turn out, but if they can keep together the team that forced a draw with the League leaders and if they can again display the same enthusiasm they may make plenty of trouble for the Champions.

CAN'T AFFORD A SLIP

South China must have been very happy about the high standard their selected representatives attained in the Memorial Cup match and if they can repeat that form today this should be a grand game. South China cannot afford to slip up again if they are to win in the championship race and they will start favourites to win.

In the other games today Club should prove too strong for luckless CAA, Kitchee should not be unduly troubled in the posing of Kwong Wah, while the Army will no doubt make strenuous efforts to get back on to the winning trial when they play St Joseph's.

Both games tomorrow promise interesting football fare, but while KMB will be strong favourites to beat Police, Eastern will not have things all their own way in their game with the RAF. The almanac have played some very good soccer recently and I would not be surprised to see them get at least a division of the spoils on this occasion.

SHIELD SEMI-FINALS

Next Wednesday sees two semi-final ties in the Senior and Junior Challenge Shields and remembering the last meeting of Army and South China in the 2nd Division their clash on this occasion may well turn out to be a better game than the Senior encounter between KMB and Kwong Wah.

The Buzmen would be well advised not to underestimate their opponents who have recently surprised several teams, including South China.

However, KMB are a strong combination both in attack and in defence and there is little doubt that they will start firm favourites to move on to the final.

The Junior game may require extra time before the issue is settled. On the last occasion the teams met the Soldiers had all the play but the Caroline Hill boys got the goals that mattered. This time they may just have enough forward punch to pull them through.

THIS WEEK'S TALKING POINTS:

Are our lineamen being too lenient with goalkeepers who advance beyond the 18 yards line in possession of the ball? This point was brought to my notice and in the two Memorial Cup games I watched it with special interest. I considered that Wai Fat-kin twice, Taylor once, and Granger thrice infringed the rule. Watch it next time you see a game.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Woodcock



CAA WILL MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO BEAT THE WARRIORS TOMORROW

Frank Poon's Chinese Athletic Association ballplayers, realising the importance of each of the remaining League games ahead, will make an all-out effort to beat Alfredo Oliveira's Warriors in the main Senior "A" softball tussle at King's Park tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. A CAA victory will primarily come from steadier infield play and solid outfield support.

The Chinese softballers, who sustained two setbacks earlier in the season, going down to the Saints and the Braves, have by now completely recovered from these reversals and are currently tied with Jindoo Hussain's Saints on points.

Since their two brilliant victories over Jackie Wei's Pandas, the CAA have continued to show improvement and their best win of the League was a 3-2 stunning upset victory over Bill Williams' USS Orcu.

Many softball fans were disappointed last Sunday when the eagerly-awaited clash between the Saints and the CAA was cancelled owing to the bad weather. With the Saints and the Braves marking time this week-end, the CAA will be given the best chance of consolidating their position with a comfortable win over the underdog Warriors outfit.

Captain Frank Poon is expected to start pitcher P.C. Wong and catcher Lam Leung-ping. The Warriors' battery is likely to be pitcher Google Marques and catcher Cuscut Souza.

BEST HOPES

Although placed sixth behind the US Navy in the latest standings, and out of the Championship running this season, the Warriors still have four of their batters in the Batting Championship race.

They are moundman Google Marques, shortstop Johnny Pereira, catcher Cuscut Souza and third baseman Peter Hahn. The Warriors' best hopes will come from the bats of the quartette who will not hesitate to hit pitcher P.C. Wong in their struggle for batting supremacy.

For the Chinese Athletic Association first baseman C.M. Tsang will resume his bid for high quality of Wang's batting in the many CAA games has indicated that he is in excellent batting form. Although some circles favour Braves' right fielder Buji Dhabher or first baseman Calau Yvanovich to win the Batting Title, Tsang stands a reasonably good chance of annexing the title for the first time.

Other successful CAA batters are pitcher P. C. Wong and third baseman Seldon Ma. On the basis of their sparkling batting form, the manager and coach of the CAA can view this game against the Warriors with confidence.

I feel that the Warriors have reached a point where their future is hard to forecast. They ran roughshod over the Rexes and South China with comparative ease but in turn were toppled by the Saints, Braves, Pandas and the U.S. Navy. At the same time, I should put in a strong word for catcher Cuscut Souza for his outstanding performances for the Warriors in victory or in defeat, and it seems to me that Souza will have a strong claim for this year's Most Valuable Player award.

GROWING DISCONTENT

The Rexes' last season's Senior "B" Champions, now

face the choice of either going through the season's League fixtures or pulling out from the League entirely. There can be no denying that the Rexes are experiencing a bad time and in their last appearance against the Braves, they had to secure the services of a Junior League Comets player to make up the team.

The whole business is a direct result of the growing discontent among the players who might have figured that they could 'do something' in the Senior "A" League. The events connected with the Rexes show that they have won only one game to date.

Some time ago, the Rexes conceded a walkover to Jackie Wei's Pandas to the disappointment of the ex-Shanghai ball players who turned out in full force that day. On Sunday, the Rexes met the Pandas again in the second round contest and it is hoped that the Rexes will play some sort of sporting spirit by either informing the Management Committee that they are not in a position to take the game or appear in the stadium for the Sunday game. This will save much time and labour on the part of officials, managers, players and the many followers of the game.

The Pandas-Rexes game is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday and it will serve as a practice session for pitcher Jackie Wei and his colleagues. Among the Pandas' backers who will greet this game with enthusiasm are second baseman Willie Woo and left-fielder Allen Cheng, who have an eye on improving their batting averages.

The Rexes have not much to offer in teamwork and team spirit, but although some circles are disappointed that they played an exceptionally good brand of ball against the Braves a fortnight ago, experienced observers are inclined to think that the very poor show by the champion Braves.

POSTPONED GAMES

The writer urges the need for the fullest co-operation from managers of the various teams who are now figuring in the Play-off Series.

Much could be achieved if the Warriors, Pandas and the Collects make some efforts to fulfil the week-end fixtures instead of requesting postponements. Last week, the first round Play-off Series, between the Warriors "A" and the Pandas was called off at the request of the Pandas' players whose four star performers, pitcher May Wu, outfielder Sally Lee, Amy Lee and Lucy Lee were unable to make the game.

The Management Committee cannot be indifferent to the frequent postponements and should make requests for postponements be granted in future. I cannot see how the League is going to conclude before May.

While the Collects have made considerable efforts to improve

in their regular practice sessions at King's Park under the capable coaching of Eddie Marques, the Warriors "A" have been taking things too easily and have not been seen in action for some time.

Under the strongest pressure, the Owls are always at their best, however, and in pitcher Terry Noronha and catcher Nana Carvalho they have a most reliable battery.

The weakness of the Owls lies in between first and second bases and unless Duocan Osorio and Bernadette Remedios come up with a better display, the Collects will not hesitate to capitalise on this infield vulnerability.

Manager Fred Evans and coach Eddie Marques of the Collects are faced with a dilemma. Their predicament arises from the fact that several of their star players are on the injured list. They are still hoping that pitcher Sheila Bernaldi may recover in time for the game.

Catcher Aldo Oliveira is positively out of this game and with Benny Remedios having a sore arm, it will be difficult to assign him behind the plate. It is to be expected that Coach Noronha will give a chance on Sunday to pitcher Bernaldi, the outfielders in desperate for Aldo Oliveira.

In the Junior League Play-off Series, Virgo's Warriors "B" face the Saints. China lasses and this double develop into a tight race which will depend on the form of pitcher Evelyn Lado. Who should she be given the nod? From the indications a win for the Warriors "B" is most likely.

TODAY'S GAMES

Bob Sumner's Americans, last season's champions, are out to capture the "A" Championship for the first time, but in order to accomplish this objective they will have to beat Fred Dista's P.I. Dodgers twice and the University.

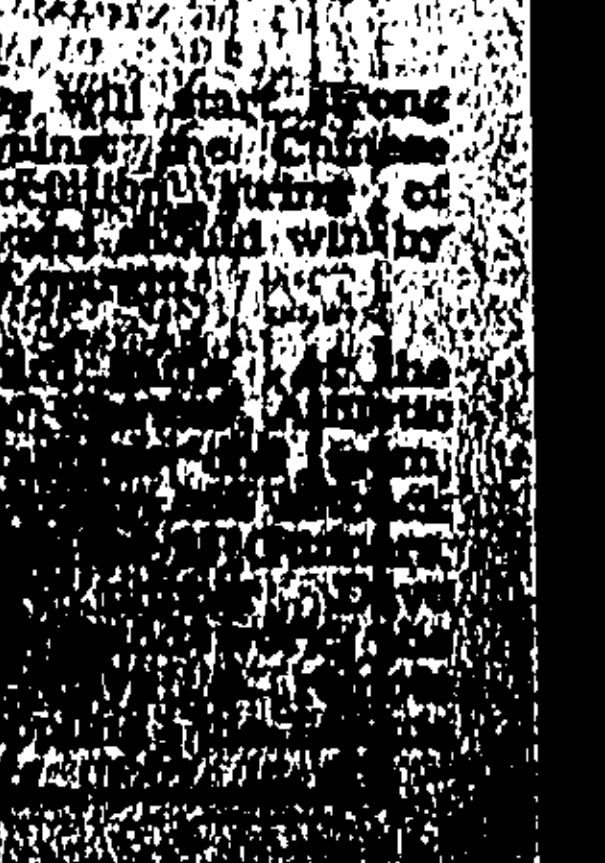
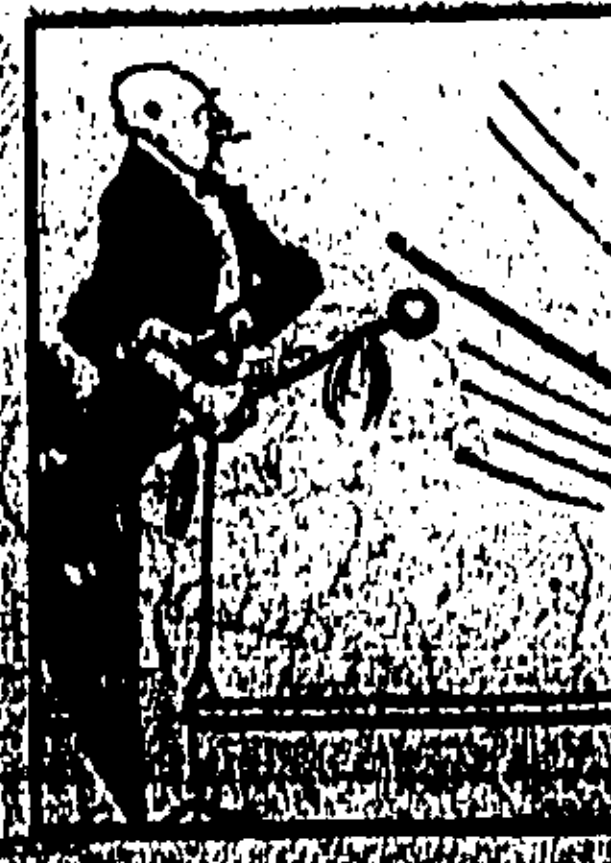
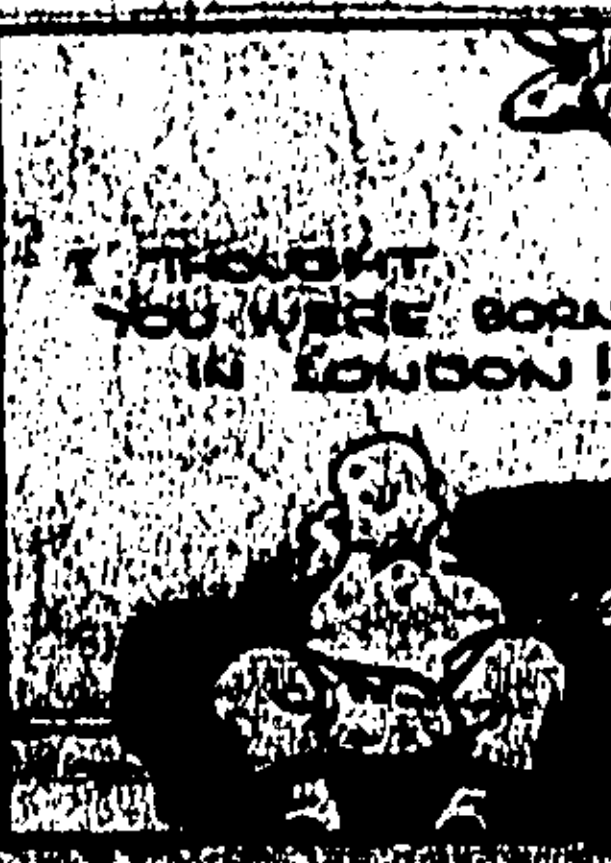
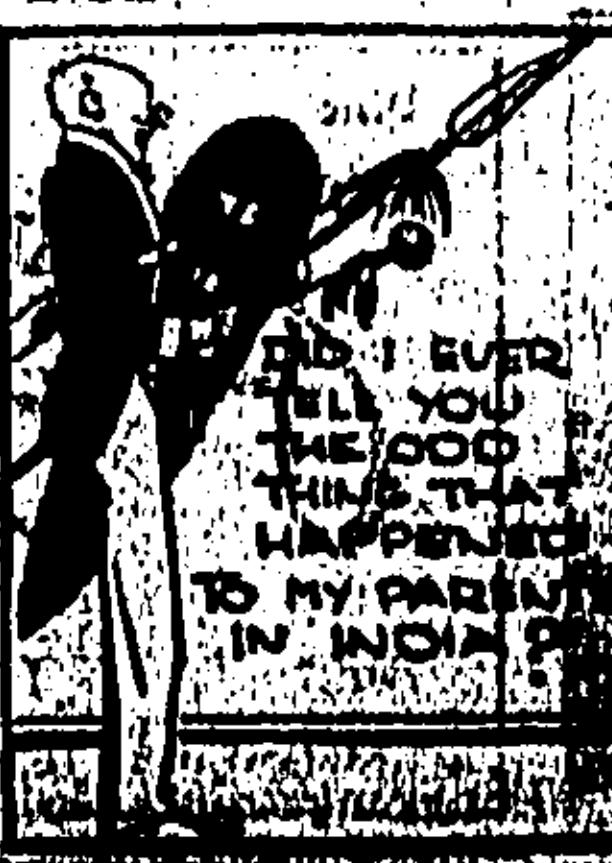
When the Americans and the Dodgers meet today in the feature game there can be no doubt that Sumner will field all his best players available although it is said that Jack Bordwell might not be able to show up for this crucial game.

It is my opinion that the Americans are capable of scoring three straight victories to earn them a right to meet Jimmy Herlick's Pandas and probably Bill Silvers' Delanyites in the Play-off Series. A loss, however, will put the Warriors out of the running for the Championship. The Americans will have to bank on the pitching performance of Daniel Remedios, manager of the Mammoets, this afternoon.

Three Junior League games are also being played this afternoon. The Pandas-Pandas game taking place at 2.30 p.m. should develop into a very close contest. The Pandas are in this position of being in the first round of the series.

The Pandas will have strong reserves against the Chinese Athletic Association team of second round and will win a comfortable victory. The Pandas are in a strong position to win the game and will be a strong contender for the title.

POP



LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY NEED JUST ONE MORE VICTORY TO MAKE SURE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

By "THE ZOMBIE"

As a result of their brilliant victory over the Scorpions last weekend, Army now need only one more win out of their four remaining matches to make sure of the Senior Division Cricket League title and complete a "double" for the season.

Although the Optimists, whose guests they will be at Chater Road this afternoon, and the Scorpions may offer them strong resistance in their outstanding matches, their two fixtures against Kowloon Cricket Club will undoubtedly give them at least the four needed points.

However, the soldiers can choose no better venue than the local "Leeds" for their deciding victory and a no more fitting drink than a hard-earned win over their present nearest rivals, the Optimists.

With this added significance, the game between the Optimists and the Army this afternoon will be the top attraction. It will be an extremely interesting match which will see the soldiers' bowling strength pitted against the Optimists' scoring prowess.

The issue will depend mainly on the Optimists' ability to withstand the formidable array of attacking weapons that the Army is lining up this afternoon in Bailey, Alexander, Weir, Fackenhelm, Walsh, and Withall and perhaps what is probably the more important factor—either Mahon or Spink striking a good patch with the ball.

Should Army succeed in annexing the title this afternoon, it will mark their second

double success since the inception of the League, their previous one being in the 1950-51 season.

Five other clubs have also achieved this feat—Kowloon Cricket Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Hongkong Cricket Club, University, and the Indian Recreation Club. The last named Club had also the distinction of winning the double two seasons running in 1930-31 and 1931-32.

It will be a fitting reward to a grand fighting team whose path to success has been marked by fine team work and combination. There have been some very conspicuous individual performers in the team, notably Dowling and Alexander, and lately Weir.

However, it is the ability of every one of their eleven batsmen to come off at the appropriate time that has brought them many a close victory this season.

Great credit must also be extended to their skipper, Major Bailey, who ably led the team not only by his sound judgment but also by saving the side with a captain's performance with the bat or ball at critical periods of many matches.

Readers may be interested in the following comparative figures of the Army and the Scorpion XI's.

Batting	Army	Scorpions
No. of Innings	14	14
Highest team score	112	224
(1 wk.) (4 wk.)		
Total No. of runs	1,504	2,121
No. of wickets lost	88	94
Average runs per wicket	17.0	22.5
Bowling		
No. of Overs	340.7	409.5
Maiden Overs	54	43
No. of runs given	1,174	1,835
No. of wickets taken	122	139
Average runs per wicket	9.6	13.2

It is too bad that complete scores of the Second Division games are not available but it is believed that the figures for the Army Second XI probably constitute a record in local League games.

TODAY'S GAMES

First Division

Optimists v. Army.
CCC v. Scorpions.
IAF v. University.
Recreio v. Navy.
KCC v. IRC.

Second Division

Navy v. DBS.
University v. KCC.
Recreio v. IRC.

TOMORROW

Second Division

Dockyard v. KGV School.
Army v. Police.

ALEC BEDSER'S COLUMN

"What I Feel About Negative Bowling"

Negative bowling tactics employed by both sides during the recent Test match between the West Indies and England led to many protests by the critics. Apparently both teams at various stages resorted to the now common usage of the defensive attack by bowling outside the leg stump to a packed leg field.

I believe this theory was first introduced as a means to upset the concentration of a well-set batsman. The idea was to prevent him scoring for a few overs or hope for a desperate or imprudent stroke. If unsettled the batsman was also liable to get out when the normal style of attack was resumed. This was fair enough.

But now teams playing for time or facing defeat find it advantageous to "shut up" their opponents' scoring rate by bowling well down the leg side supported by as many as six or seven fielders on that side. When this form of attack is used it is extraordinary difficult to score without the batsman taking a grave risk.

Denis Compton, in his prime, might have had the answer with his famous sweet stroke. Others like Everton Weekes (West Indies) and Peter May (England) have tried to defeat the method by taking guard six inches outside the leg stump and thrashing the ball through the gaps on the off side. On paper this would appear to be the obvious solution but if the ball is swinging in the direction of leg it is not so easy.

I am not proposing to enter into the rights or wrongs of the case at this stage but I am wondering what might happen if the theory was allowed to develop. For one thing it is boring to watch. Ball after ball thuds out of the Bat's reach through to the wicket-keeper standing back. An over takes much longer to complete. Runs become scarce, and the game becomes a war of attrition with each side waiting to see who is going to make the first mistake.

THE ANSWER

What is the answer? It is not easy to legislate in such matters for shrewd cricket brains soon get to work to find a way around every problem created by laws. Perhaps a law could be framed to prevent too many fielders on the leg side. The effect would make leg theory an unprofitable venture. But again it could be hard on the poor old bowler—already the game's labourer—and prejudice him in the course of his legitimate business, such as an

off-spinner taking advantage of a turning wicket.

Should the international captains of the world come to an understanding not to bowl leg theory? Or is it time that is wanted why not return to timeless Tests? I am sure the latter course would not be welcomed by those who have the interests of the game close at heart. In 1938 at the Oval when England beat Australia in a timeless Test the outlook of the players at the time was "never again."

I think a lot of the trouble springs from one basic fact—generally speaking wickets are too good. So often do they weigh heavily in favour of the batsman and against the bowler.

I have many times had the disheartening experience of having beaten a batsman with a forward stroke only to see him change his mind and safely play me with a back stroke! I have managed to find the edge of the bat only to discover the turf was too slow for the ball to carry to the slips.

At Kingston, Jamaica, on the two opening days the pitch shone as if polished, and the batsman's reflection could be seen as he stood at the crease. Add a fast outfield and what chance has the bowler? Precious little, I aver.

Moreover, this pitch, like so many others in the world today,

was fully protected by covers overnight. At the end of each day's play it was covered up with tarpaulins so as not to be exposed to one drop of rain. Would it be so dreadful if it was soaked and the ball played tricks for a change.

TWO ARGUMENTS

The two main arguments for covering wickets are:

1. It prevents stoppages and blank days;

2. The character of the wicket is not changed by climatic influences and remains true throughout.

A "sticky dog" is one of the charms of cricket. But I do admit they differ considerably throughout the world. In England "stickies" are playable and can bring out the best skill of batsmen, while in Australia they are well-nigh unplayable.

The Kemington Oval pitch, to my mind, now approaches the ideal for a one time or another during a normal match it affords all types of bowlers a fair crack of the whip. There might be a "green top" to start off the game while later the spinners get their chance.

I always maintain the best cricket is played on fast pitches which give the bowler a chance and the batsman every opportunity to make strokes. Let's have more of them!

SIR GORDON IN SWITZERLAND



Sir Gordon Richards, champion English jockey, and a keen curling enthusiast in Switzerland during the close season, makes a shot at St Moritz, watched by fellow jockey Douglas Smith.—Express Photo.

MY BEST GOLF SHOT
NO. 5 IRON HELPED COX TO RYDER CUP RECOVERY

By JAMES GOODFELLOW

The golf shot which turned a Ryder Cup game when he sensed he was getting on top is described by selector Bill Cox, Fulwell professional:

"After the first round in the Ryder Cup contest at Ridgewood, New Jersey, in 1935, I was five holes down to Horton Smith, one of the top money winners in the United States.

"Losing the 19th hole, I became six down with 17 to play. From this point, however, a dramatic change came over the game, and I captured three of the next four holes.

HIS GREAT CHANCE

"This was the tonic I needed. As I stood on the 24th tee, I thought: 'If I can finish near the flag and get a two, then Horton Smith may go ragged. It is my great chance!'

"I hit a perfect No. 5 shot (I still have the club). The ball ruled the pin all the way of the 160 yards. It pitched and stopped dead 2ft. from the stick.

IT WAS DIFFICULT

"Now I felt I was on top. It was difficult for Horton Smith to follow with a similar stroke. He pushed his tee shot to the right, was bunkered, and lost the hole.

"And as I expected, the play of my opponent did become ragged. His lead slipped away from him. I won the next three holes, one up at the 27th. The match finished all square." —London Express Service.

TRINIDAD SEEKS TO ABOLISH CRICKET

By TREVOR FORBES

There will be no cricket on Trinidad's Test wicket in a few years' time — if a group of scientists have their way.

But don't worry: they are no sports-people out to interfere with future West Indian Test matches. Far from it, they want to make these matches all the better.

The cricket they plan to banish is that destructive inch-long parasite known as the "mole cricket."

Until now this mischievous "gentle crusher" has made use of a turf wicket impossible, owing to his habit of burrowing into the ground and breaking up its surface.

As a result, mallet wickets have had to be laid bringing a somewhat artificial effect upon the game. Better a match on a mallet wicket than no match at all—but better still if a natural turf wicket can be used.

NOT FAR DISTANT

And that day may not be far distant. The "mole cricket" may prove as vulnerable to a petroleum — chemical insecticide as have grasshoppers in Canada and locusts in Iraq.

The preparation is now being tested out in a Trinidad cricket ground. It is applied to the surface soil before seeding and

It is hoped that it will not only kill any "mole crickets" already there but will make the ground immune from them for anything up to twelve months.

In view of the remarkable results achieved by this insecticide against other parasites, hopes are high that it will succeed against the "mole cricket."

If so, visiting batsmen beware! For on a surface more responsive to his wily deliveries, Sonny Ramadhin—the "Trinidad Terror"—can prove an even greater menace.

Anyway, that should make the local calypso singers happy. —(London Express Service).

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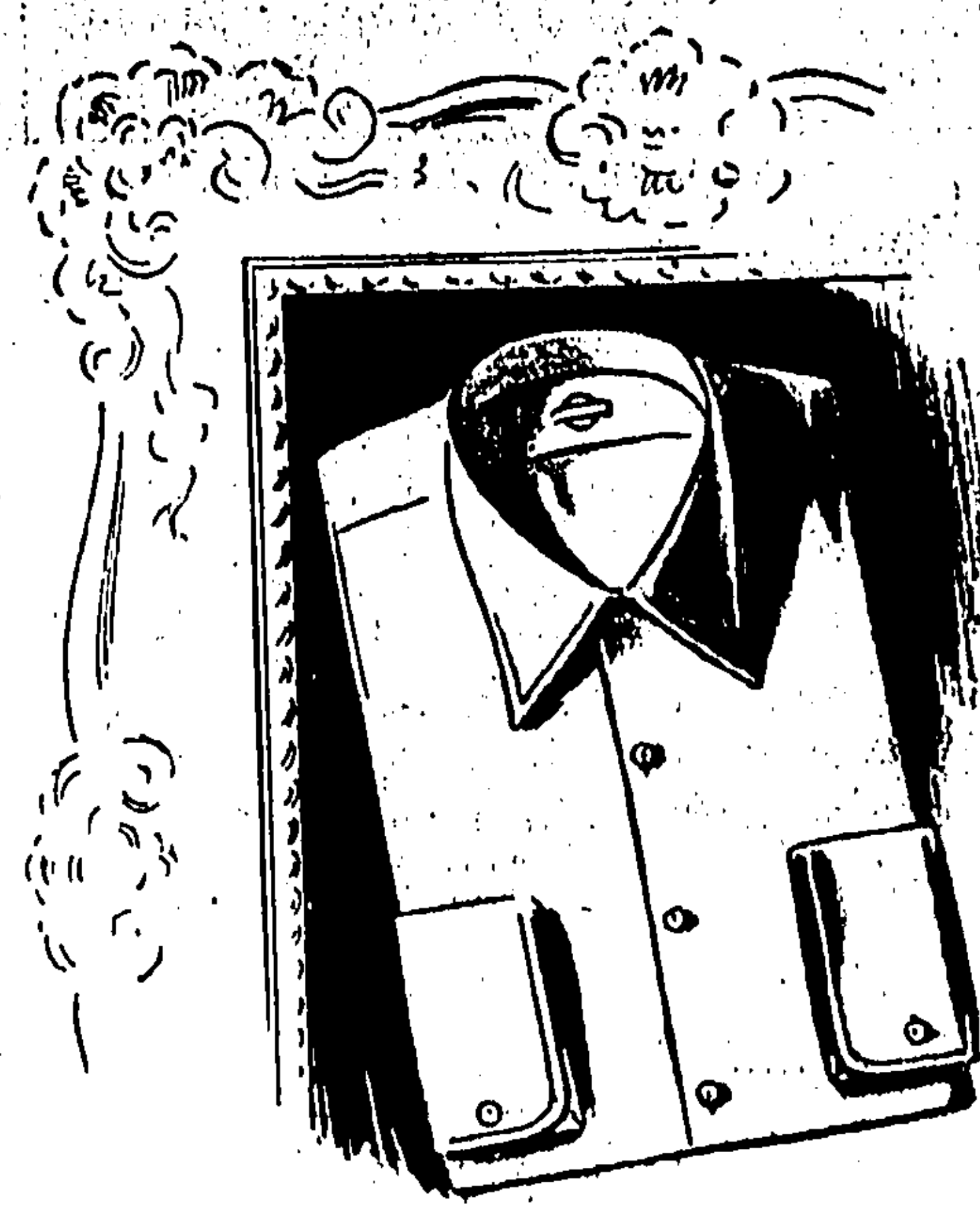
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The Club's property at Happy Valley is being lent to the Hong Kong Kennel Club for a Dog Show on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st February, 1954. The premises will close to Members at 12 Noon on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday. The Badminton Courts will be closed all day Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st February.

During the Show the Private Boxes, Coffee Room, Bar, Ladies' Lounge and the upper verandah will be open and reserved for the use of members of the Jockey Club who attend the Show (admission \$3.00 adults and \$1.00 for Service personnel in uniform and children under 16, payable at the Public Gate).

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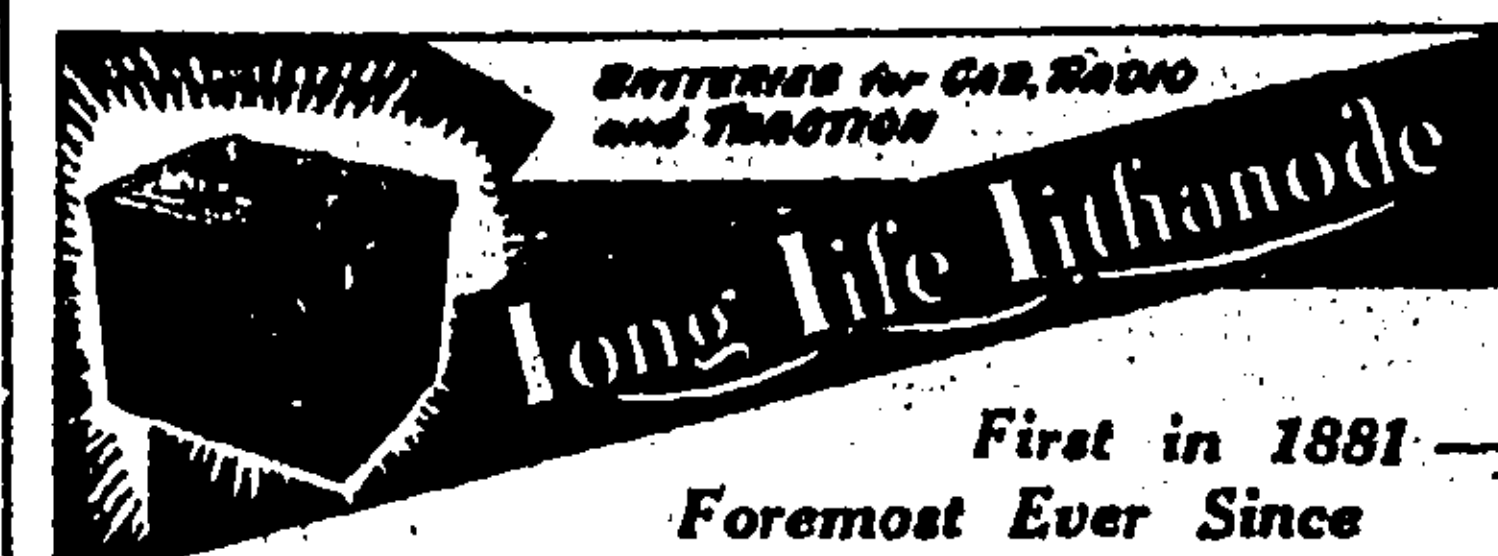
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The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. each day.

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NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

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by Barry Appleby



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the BOYS and GIRLS PAGE

FIND THE PIRATES' HOARD



It is buried on the island

by JOHN BODLE

THE Detection Squad goes on the trail again today — this time for pirates' treasure.

It is buried on a coral island in the South Seas, an exciting island because it has a lagoon, dangerous coral reefs, a volcano, quicksands, swamps, AND cannibals.

You can see all these handicaps to finding the treasure on the map of the island (left).

There is another handicap. Study the map carefully — do you notice anything?

Faked Map

The map is a fake. X is supposed to mark the spot where the treasure is buried. But, in fact it cannot be buried there.

You see, our imaginary pirates wanted to make sure that no one else could discover from the map where their treasure was hidden.

They marked the map with that misleading X and with five other letters A, B, C, D, and E.

Only they knew which letter really marked the treasure spot. Only they—and YOU! For you can find out too. Now imagine you are in a boat approaching the island. You have to land and, with the map, find the treasure.

First, you must find out why it is NOT buried at X. Then you must rule out, one by one, the other spots until you find the real hiding place.

Go to it, and when you think you have found the answer check with the solution on Page 22.

UP-TO-DATE QUIZ ON TRIP TO THE MOON

NO one knows exactly when and how we will go to the moon, but experts have solved many of the problems. They know that the following statements about your trip to the moon are either right or wrong. Cover up the answers and test yourself to see if your ideas are up-to-date.

1. A rocket which will leave the earth and never come back will be the beginning of a space station.
2. A space station will travel around the earth forever at a speed of five miles per second. Nos. 1 and 2 are both true. If a rocket is sent out from the earth fast enough and far enough it will FALL AROUND THE

EARTH. The earth is curved and would seem to drop out from under the rocket as it falls. This rocket would fall forever without changing its distance from the surface of the earth. It would keep the same speed because there is no air in space to slow it. Even though the station will move at a speed of five miles per second, one will not notice the motion because everything about him will be moving at the same speed. Actually, the earth, itself, travels around the sun at more than twice that speed.

3. At the space station, men and machines will have practically no weight.

True. There will be very little gravity on the space station because of its small size. It will have only a gentle pull compared with that of the earth.

There will be no up and no down.

4. The best distance for a space station is 1,075 miles from the earth.

True. Farther out from the earth the space station would revolve more slowly around the earth but it would be more difficult to take supplies this extra distance.

5. Space suits will have shoes with magnetic soles so that the wearer will stick to the surface of the ship or space station.

True. Men and objects which are not fastened down will float around in space. Water will be carried in plastic bottles and squeezed out or sucked out with a straw. Solid food will be pre-cut. If one tried to pour milk from a pitcher it would float away.

6. There is no sound in space so space suits will be equipped with some kind of a walkie-talkie.

Sound will not travel in a vacuum. Two-way radios will be used for exchange of conversation.

7. It will be intensely cold at the space station.

Space is many times colder than any place here on earth. The sun's rays produce heat only when they are in contact with matter. When the space men are in the direct rays of the sun, they will be very hot on the side toward the sun and very cold on the other side. His space suit will probably have some kind of temperature control which will keep air moving around the wearer's body to protect him from these extremes.

8. The spaceships which will go to the moon will take off from the space station and not from the earth.

Spaceships will not only leave from the space stations, they will be built there. They will not be streamlined and will be built for travel where there is no air. Rockets with wings will taxi supplies and people to and from the earth.

9. The space station will appear to us on the earth as a very bright star.

Although the space station will be much smaller than stars, it will appear very bright because it will be so very much nearer to the earth. It will shine by reflected light, just as our big moon does, but it will be much brighter because of its nearness.

10. The moon rocket will not be streamlined but will probably be a round ball with spiderlike legs.

Since the moonship will not travel through air, it will not need wings, or streamlining. Some kind of legs will probably be used to ease the landing on the moon's hard, rocky surface.

A Squirrel Who Lived on Oaks

—Mr. Punch Says He Ate Them in His Room—

By MAX TRELL

"I KNEW a squirrel once," said Mr. Punch to Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, who used to live on oak trees. "Oh," interrupted Handi, "that's wrong, Mr. Punch."

"Wrong?" said Mr. Punch in surprise.

"Yes," said Handi. "Squirrels don't live on oak trees. They live in oak trees."

This Particular Squirrel

Mr. Punch shook his head and smiled. "The squirrel I'm talking about, my dear, lived on oak trees. He ate them."

Here Knarf and Handi, astonished at what Mr. Punch just said, exclaimed together: "Aie oak trees!"

"Positively," said Mr. Punch. "He ate an oak tree for breakfast, three or four oak trees for lunch, and a half a dozen more for supper. By the end of the week, he usually ate a good-sized forest of oak trees."

Mr. Punch stopped to light up his pipe. Knarf and Handi looked at each other. Much as they liked Mr. Punch, and much as they enjoyed listening to what he told them, they found it quite impossible now to believe that any squirrel could eat oak trees.

Not Large Either

"And he wasn't a big squirrel either," continued Mr. Punch. "He was the usual grey, bushy-tailed squirrel that you can see every day in the week, begging for peanuts in the park."

"Then how could he eat oak trees?" Knarf demanded.

"Just chewed them up," said Mr. Punch.

Finding that Knarf and Handi were looking more and more puzzled, Mr. Punch finally said: "I see that I'll have to do a little explaining to you."

"This squirrel friend of mine was pretty clever. He enjoyed eating oak trees all right, but he was no fool. He didn't feel like spending all day, or several days (or even several months) gnawing away at an oak tree, especially as this meant staying away from his own home and family while he was eating it!"

So what, he used to go way to take the oak trees up to his own little room in an elm tree."

"You mean," asked Handi, "that he carried oak trees up into an elm tree, I don't see how he could do that!"

"Neither do I," said Knarf. "He had no trouble at all," said Mr. Punch. "He put it right in his mouth."



This squirrel was the usual grey, with a bushy tail.

forest of oak trees in my pocket."

This time Handi looked at her brother. "You could, Knarf? How?"

"Well," said Knarf gleefully, "I'd just go out and fill my pocket with acorns. Each acorn is a little oak tree, isn't it?"

Should Have Guessed Handi looked very sheepish. "I guess I wasn't thinking very hard," she admitted. "I should have guessed that too."

Mr. Punch smiled again. "Lots of us eat enormous things and we never think anything of it. For example, we eat part of an oat field every time we eat a bowl of oatmeal. And we eat part of a wheat field, every time we eat a slice of bread."

"Then how could he eat oak trees?" Knarf demanded. "And we eat cows, too," said Knarf.

"Yes," said Handi. "And every time we eat an apple, and we swallow the seeds, that means we've swallowed a whole apple orchard."

"And a banana plantation when we eat a banana," said Mr. Punch.

"And a row of potatoes when we eat a potato," said Knarf.

"But, Mr. Punch," said Handi in a troubled voice, "if everybody eats oak trees, and apple orchards, and banana plantations, and wheat fields, and what Knarf said, and what Handi said, and what you said, how can anything be left to grow?"

"Oh," said Mr. Punch, "there's still plenty. There are millions and millions of seeds. Not all the squirrels eat all the seeds, and we can keep right on eating."

"He had no trouble at all," said Mr. Punch. "He put it right in his mouth."

Suddenly Knarf burst out laughing. "Mr. Punch, I know how he could do it!"

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Rupert and the Compass—16



Wondering what his pal was up to, Rupert returned to the tree. "Look up that star," he said. "It's the North Star. It's the only star that stays in the same place in the sky. It's the only star that stays in the same place in the sky. It's the only star that stays in the same place in the sky."

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bidding Reasonable With Poor Contract

By OSWALD JACOBY

YOU may not like the bidding of today's hand, but it's quite reasonable for South to insist on a game contract when his partner opened the bidding. North didn't like the idea of letting the hand play at no-trump when she had a void suit, but South has bid the dangerous suit. No better game contract was available.

When today's hand was actually played in a mixed pair tournament in Newark, the chief interest was in the play of the cards. Practically all pairs got to three no-trump with the South cards, and many of them made it.

The most interesting defence was put up by Ira Rubin and Lucille Welch, both of New York. They managed to make declarer squeeze himself out of his ninth trick.

Rubin opened the jack of clubs from the West hand, and South let it ride around to his ace. He promptly returned the eight of clubs. West played the ten, and South played low from dummy, hoping that East would have to play the king.

West's ten held, and Rubin naturally shifted to a low diamond. South won with the jack of diamonds and led another

NORTH (D) 18			
♠ 7 5	♥ None	♦ AKQ73	♣ Q7652
WEST			
♠ A 10 2	♥ K 9 8 4	♦ Q 8 6 4	♣ J 10 5 3
♠ 10 8 6 2	♥ 9 4	♦ K 9 4	♣ J 10
SOUTH			
♠ K 9 3	♥ A Q 7 6 2	♦ A 3	♣ A 3
Neither side vul.			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—4 ♣			

club to drive out East's king. Miss Welch now saw that declarer had five sure diamonds and three club tricks.

It seemed probable that either a heart or a spade lead would give declarer his ninth trick. She therefore led her remaining diamond, hoping that declarer would have trouble getting off the dummy safely.

This was a fine idea. Declarer had to take his diamonds and clubs immediately, since he would never get back to dummy if he failed to take them. This gave him eight tricks, but forced him to reduce to three cards.

South actually kept the ace of hearts and two spades. West had kept three spades and the king of hearts up to the end, and his last discard was the king of hearts. When the jack of spades was led from dummy, the defenders had three easy spade tricks. South never made his ace of hearts.

Declarer could not have saved himself by discarding the ace of hearts in order to save three spades. West would have kept the king of hearts and two spades.

CHARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Hearts Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Hearts Pass ?

You South, hold: Spades K-J-10-9-8-7, Heart 5, Diamonds K-7-6-4, Clubs 8-3. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. This bid is neither a slow-off nor an invitation to further action, but is somewhere between the two. It shows a strong suit of your own, desires a partner's support for your partner's suit, and indicates that the system of the hand—if any—is a pass trump suit (spades, in this instance).

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding in the above was the question just discussed. If South held: Spades K-Q-J-10-9-8-7, Heart 5, Diamonds A-J-9-4, Club 8, what do you do?

YOUR BIRTHDAY... BY STELLA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

BORN on this first day of the new sign, Places, you are influenced by Jupiter, the god of wisdom, as well as Neptune, the god of inspiration. You are essentially the idealist and will always keep your standards high. You will suffer and make self-sacrifices for your beliefs, for once you have committed yourself you are not one to give up until you have reached your goal.

You were born efficient and dependable. You believe in building on a sound foundation so that your edifice, real or ideal, will withstand all criticism or opposition. Your ideas may not find immediate acceptance during your own lifetime but will influence all those who come in contact with them and grow greater with posterity. You are quick to take up a situation and can prove to be a sharp critic. But usually your remarks are fully warranted and eventually your opinions will be vindicated.

Your emotional nature is very strong and it is likely that you will have many romances before you settle down. You men are very apt to think over the selection of a marriage partner for a very long time before you make a decision. Don't wait so long that you are an old bachelor before you realize it. You women are more apt to wed at an earlier age, but will also find it difficult to make up your mind from a large selection of suitors. Once wed, your marriage should be an exceptionally happy one.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Balance the mental, spiritual and physical parts of your life in a well-proportioned entity.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Attendance at the church of your choice should bring particular peace and happiness to you now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—You will need to have a change of pace in your life to broaden and brighten your interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Be very careful if you are driving in heavy traffic so that you watch the other fellow as well as yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You should be able to benefit a great deal from this day if you will seek spiritual uplift now.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Cast off all problems of the past week and really relax. Seek pleasant recreations.

BORN today, you are one of those bundles of contradictions which your birth sign has bequeathed many of you. There is a real touch of genius, but there is also more than a touch of irresponsibility. Your ambitions may be worthwhile but you put off starting out toward your objective for too long a time. You dream great dreams, but you are a little short on putting your ideas into action.

Your emotions are uneven. You may fall in love at first sight and love to distraction, one day—and the next, fall completely out. You have a warm and loving nature but your temperament is such that it takes a very understanding person to know exactly how to treat you. You are hypersensitive, inclined to be jealous, and cannot share your affections with anyone. With you it is "all or nothing at all." If you find that "one person" who can understand your innermost ambitions, inspire you to follow your star, and help you to keep hard at work when you should work—and all this without letting you know that you are being influenced—then there are no heights to which you may not aspire.

The stars have given you exceptional talents, especially in the arts. It is up to you, alone, to develop them. Few others are so completely master of their own fates. You can be what you want to be, provided only that you really want it enough and work for it. You have a great capacity for acquiring wide knowledge. Learn how to share it with others and you can become famous.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you are enthusiastic about job, there are no limits to which your energy may not push you.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If there seems to be too much to be done, take a deep breath and dive in. Slow and steady wins the race.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—This day could bring a special pleasure or surprise. If you follow your intuitions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—The power of mind over matter is well exemplified by the circumstances of this day. Control your affairs.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Be helpful if you appear to be getting involved in an argument. Remain silent and keep the peace.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Over the week-end you should have restored your energy to the point where you are full of vigor and zip today.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be alert to an interesting new opportunity. It may prove to be key to your future.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Matters which have been pending for a long time may come to a successful termination today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—If you will take the initiative in something, it will be successful. In something, it will be successful. In something, it will be successful.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—The signs are right for entertaining a group of congenial friends in your home. Have a happy time.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You may be tempted to overdo things, if you are fond of winter sports and don't indulge in them very often.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Perhaps you are more fond of spectator sports than taking part in them. Still, you can have fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Attendance at the church of your choice should prove highly inspirational for you today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Rest mind as well as the body today. Hear a good sermon; listen to good music; relax thoroughly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Remember that the spiritual is as important in the long run as the harsh struggle for material things.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—The signs are favourable—and well they are—for this will be one of your busiest days this month.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you can be helpful to someone without having to be asked for assistance, your aid is better received.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Friendships are to be carefully nourished for they can bring great joy and happiness throughout life.

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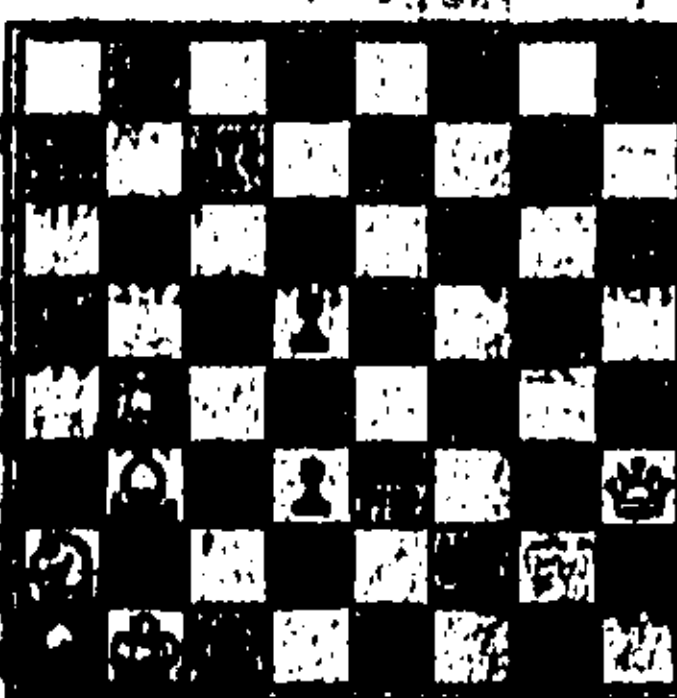
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CHESS PROBLEM

By V. L. KAYSON
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play. Mate in three.

RECORD NEWS

IT MAY MEAN AN UPWARD TREND

EMERGENCE of Shorty Rogers as an RCA Victor artist may signify an upward trend in the making of modern jazz music.

It is a brave venture, for modern jazz does not appeal to the masses—primarily because it hasn't been given a fair hearing. It is a strange mixture of polyphony and cacophony. It packs a knock-out rhythmic punch but its melody almost defies humming.

For those looking for new, out-of-the-ordinary pleasures, listen—not once but several times—to "Shorty Rogers and His Giants" and Shorty's "Cool and Crazy" 10-inch LPs.

Rogers excels not only as a great instrumentalist (trumpet) and arranger, but also as a composer. Most of the numbers in the two RCA Victor albums are Rogers' compositions, but you'll find many of Shorty's creations on the label of Contemporary Records, an up-and-coming recording company.

that is interested in quality instead of quantity. A Contemporary album named "Shelly Manne and his Men" contains two exceptionally artistic Rogers' compositions—"Malice" and "Afrodisia." Manne, a fabulous drummer, is superb on this disc.

Additionally, Contemporary is offering two albums featuring the French theme in modern jazz: "Modern Sounds: France" by Henri Renaud's All-Stars and "Dizzy in Paris" by Dizzy Gillespie.

Columbia has issued four memorable blues songs by the late Mildred Bailey on an extended play record, "St. Louis Blues" by far the best. Columbia also has come forth with four Louis Armstrong versions of Hoagy Carmichael songs.

Exceptional singles: "Taint What You Do" by Ella Mae Morse (Capitol); "The Gang That Sang Heart of My Heart" by the Four Aces (Decca); "A Woman is Strange" by Paul Whitchell and Jerry Mahoney (Mercury).

Hillbilly hit of the week: "I'll Never Stand in Your Way" by Ernie Lee (M-G-M).

—WILLIAM D. LAFLEER.

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

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This proverb of the Bazar tribes in the Karakoram Mountains is so silly that translation would be an insult to the intelligence of even that diminishing public which is able to read.

Off to the Shires

"WILL you be coming in tonight?" asked Rhoda. "No," said Foulencough. "I have to go to one of those boring hunt balls in the Shires." "I bet there'll be some wonderful julebs!" "I hope so," said the Captain with simple fervour. "And will your picture be in the papers?" she asked. "I sincerely hope not," said Foulencough. "Don't you like publicity?" "It has become tiresome when it is overdone," said our hero. "There are times when one longs for anonymity. One wants to mingle, unnoticed, with the crowd, to escape attention, to be allowed privacy. One gets tired of being recognised, especially by the dearest, by designing dowagers with marriageable daughters."

The revolving hat
DEAR SIR,
Surely a man wearing a revolving hat on the sea-front

In a gale might break his arm while trying to hold it steady. A hat-guard would be as useless to the revolving headgear as would a tow anchor to a battleship in the Bay of Biscay during a storm. A hat which moved slightly, and rather faintly, would be another matter. A sort of clutch of the hat might be rather jolly, especially if one's companion, who was not of seeing the hat, stolidly multiplexed and, apparently, lifeless. It should be beyond the skill of Science to invent a mechanism for jolting a hat out of its spallity, and making it more animated. What is needed is a vivacious hat, not a gadabout that doesn't know where to stop.

Yrs, truly,
Mortimer G. Taplow.

In non-short supply

DOUBTLESS the scientists are at work on a non-fog which will stop fogs laying. The country cannot afford cheap eggs, and the consumer cannot afford dear eggs. "The goal to be aimed at is no eggs at all," said a spokesman yesterday.

FOTTLE!!!

What? Who? Where?

DART WORDS

The starting point for the word is the letter 'S'. The objective is to find words which begin with 'S' and end with 'S'. The words must be at least four letters long. The words must be in the dictionary. The words must be in the same category as the words in the list below.

RULES
1. The word must be an anagram of the word that precedes it.
2. It may be a word that precedes it.
3. It may be a word that follows it.
4. It may be a word that is not in the list.

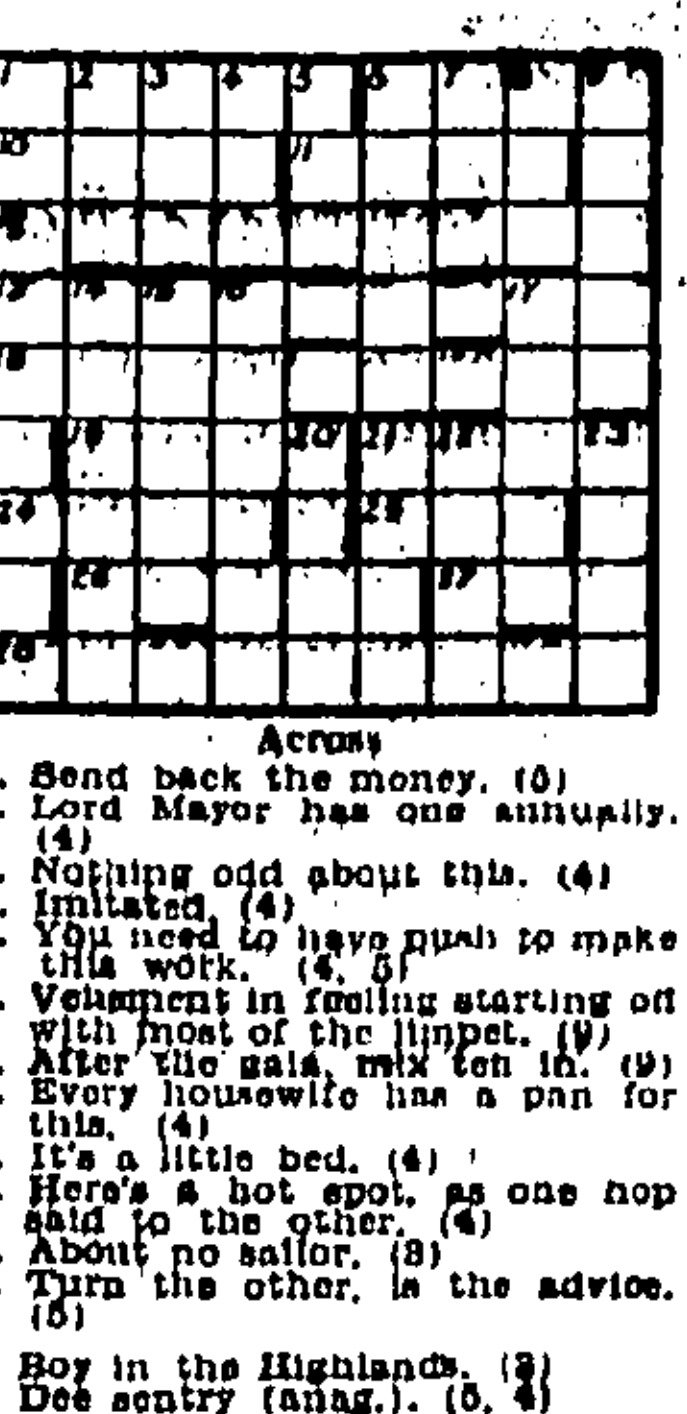
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DUMB BELLS



Crossword



Across:
1. Send back the money. (5)
2. Lord Mayor has one annually. (4)
3. Nothing odd about this. (4)
4. You need to have push to make this work. (5)
5. Vexation in feeling starting off with most of the lippest. (9)
6. After the sale, what is in. (5)
7. Every housewife has a pan for this. (4)
8. It's a little bed. (4)
9. Here's a hot spot, as one now said to the other. (4)
10. About no sailor. (8)
11. Turn the other, is the advice. (4)
12. Boy in the Highlands. (3)
13. Doe entry (anag.). (6, 4)

Down:
1. Large ole (anag.). (9)
2. Girl from the Levant. (5)
3. Out-bird. (5)
4. Signs are all over the place. (9)
5. The path of Sisyphus. (5)
6. Speechily in rough circles. (5)
7. You can't be out of the wood if you do this. (3)
8. Code drops a century. (8)
9. Better or this is how you take a shower. (6)
10. Silly deed, but sometimes brave. (10)
11. Just like velvet. (5)
12. Steer a holiday. (6)
13. The same, sometimes as 23. (5)
14. Down. (5)
15. Now and then, you should get some relaxation. (5)
16. Schoolboys often urge their colleagues to eat this. (4)
17. Fine type of British stone? (4)
18. See 17 Down. (4)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

EZRA M. QUIST

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 22)

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